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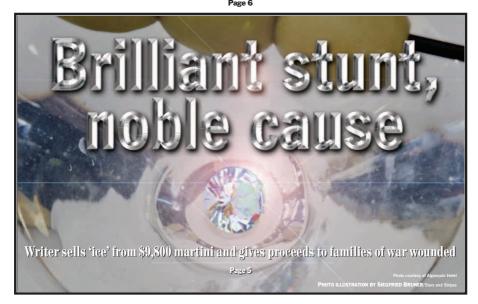
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#### States

Nightclub fire: A California judge has dismissed a \$10 million slander lawsuit filed against a former publicist for the rock band Great White, whose pyrotechnics caused The Station nightclub fire in Rhode Island.

Great White's lead singer, Jack Russell, had sued the publicist. Charrie Foglio, for saying he and the band's manager embezzled money raised during a benefit concert tour for those affected by the deadly blaze.
Russell alleged Foglio made the statements after she was fired as the band's publicist and was refused a severance payment

Truck bodies case: The driver of a tractor-trailer in the nation's deadliest smuggling attempt was an inexperienced pawn of a smuggling ring who didn't know 17 immigrants were dying in the airless truck, the defense said in closing arguments

Tyrone Williams' lawyer said Friday that his client didn't speak Spanish and couldn't hear the immigrants banging on the walls to

The immigrants died after succumbing to the heat in the sweltering trailer, which was packed with more than 70 people. Two oth-

Michael Jackson trial: Michael Jackson's

lawyers will be allowed to question witnesses about allegations that the boy accusing the singer of molestation once claimed comedian George Lopez stole \$300 from his wallet.

ers died later

Defense attorneys have tried to raise the matter during Jackson's trial, but have been blocked by objec-

tions that Superior Jackson Court Judge Rodney Melville has upheld. After reviewing reports about the incident. Melville said Fri-

day he would allow questions about it. Stepfather rape: An Ohio woman whose stepfather was convicted of impregnating her with a syringe was awarded more than \$4.3 million in damages Friday

A Summit County, Ohio, jury ruled that John Goff, 43, is liable for more than \$3.3 million in compensatory damages and \$750,000 in punitive damages. Goff is serving a 20-year prison sentence after being convicted in 2002 of rape, sexual battery and child endangerment.

The jury also ordered Akron (Ohio) City Hospital to pay \$224,000 in damages to Shenna Grimm, 22, of Kent.

Nuclear lab management: Members of Congress on Friday again criticized the Uni-versity of California for its management of Los Alamos National Laboratory, saying the university should bear at least some of the financial burden of a recent lengthy shutdown at the UC-run nuclear weapons facility.

Los Alamos was the main focus of a hearing on security at the nation's nuclear sites, held Friday by the investigations panel of





West Bank settlements: An injured Palestinian is carried after he was shot with a rubber bullet by Israeli border police. The incident happened when clashes erupted during a protest against the construction of a section of Israel's separation barrier in the ourskirts of the West Bank village of Bil'in on Friday. The army is barring Israeli citizens from moving to four West Bank settlements slated for evacuation later this year, military officials said Saturday, following a similar ban on relocating to the Gaza Strip. The plan, scheduled to begin in late July, would uproot roughly 9,000 Jewish settlers from their homes.

the House Energy and Commerce Committee. UC has managed the New Mexico lab for the Energy Department for more than six decades

Farmers' market crash: A judge Friday refused to dismiss manslaughter charges against an 88-year-old man whose car barreled through a farmers' market in Santa Monica, Calif., killing 10 people and injuring 63.

Lawyers for George Russell Weller had argued that he was not grossly negligent, but simply panicked when he stepped on the gas instead of the brake, traveling nearly 1,000 feet through the pedestrian market at up to 60 mph

Bush book lawsuit: A freelance writer has asked a court to dismiss his \$5 million lawsuit accusing author Kitty Kelley of plagiarism in her best-selling book about President Bush and his family

Glynn Wilson said Friday that he decided to drop the suit, filed in November, because he feared that U.S. District Judge U.W. Clemon was about to rule that copyright law didn't cover his story on the Internet about Bush's days in Alabama when he was in the National Guard in the early 1970s

Such a ruling by Clemon would erode the legal protections that cover Web-based writers. Wilson said.

Clinton's pardons: The Bush administration blacked out almost all the information in hundreds of documents before releasing them to a conservative organization looking into President Clinton's controversial pardons four years ago on his last day in office.

The only items not deleted from the material are the names of the person who wrote the document and the person it was sent to.

The government accountability group Ju-

dicial Watch said Friday that it received the Justice Department documents following a court battle that featured a Republican administration fighting to keep secret documents generated by its Democratic predecessor

#### **Business**

WorldCom scandal: Eleven former board members of WorldCom Inc. have agreed to pay \$20.25 million of their own money to settle a lawsuit by former investors in the company, New York State Comptroller Alan Hevesi said Friday.

The deal follows a federal judge's preliminary approval of another plan under which JPMorgan Chase & Co. will pay \$2 billion to settle a class-action lawsuit brought by former WorldCom investors.

#### World

Recovering pope: Pope John Paul II's doctors are optimistic about his health, an Italian cardinal who is

a top Vatican official was quoted as saying Saturday

"The Holy Father is hanging in there, hang-ing in there," Cardinal Giovanni Battista Re told journalists on the sidelines of a ceremony at a Catholic university, the Italian news agency ANSA reported from the southern Italian Pope John Paul II city of Campobasso.



The doctors above all are optimistic and this is a beautiful thing, a good sign," Re was quoted as saying.

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### Schweinfurt student aces spelling bee

BY KEVIN DOUGHERTY Stars and Strines

KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany — When he was in the fourth grade. Calvin Lau placed fourth in the annual European spelling bee. And so he assumed he would return the following year a bit wiser on the words

That was four years ago, and Calvin didn't get another crack at winning it all until Saturday, when he bested 42 other contestants to win the 23rd annual Euro-

44 It feels

incredible.

Calvin Lau

pean PTA Spelling Bee.

"I thought I could
make it," Calvin said
after the bee. "This time my dad was telling me to stay confident."
The Schweinfurt Mid-

dle School student won Spelling bee winner when Alexis Claflin of Würzburg Middle School misspelled the word "obstetrician" and Calvin correctly recited the letters for "appellate

The win came in the 14th round, which started with just Calvin and Alexis remaining

For winning the bee, Calvin gets to

### Calvin Lau will represent U.S. military's Europe community at competition in D.C.

sent the U.S. military community in Europe in the Scripps Howard National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C. May 31 through June 2. He also re ceived a \$100 savings bond and a \$25 gift certificate from the Army and Air Force Exchange Service.
"It feels incredible." Calvin said of

his victory. "This morning, I was praying to God" for divine guid-

When Calvin finished fourth in 2001 as a fourth-grader, he figured he would return to the bee the next year. But he lost in his

own school's spelling bee the following year and Schweinfurt Middle School didn't take part in the European bee in 2003 and 2004

This year's annual spelling bee, hosted by the European Parent-Teachers Association, was held at Kaiserslautern

tween the third and eighth grades qualified for the bee, although two contestants didn't show

By the end of the fourth round, more than half of the students were sitting in the audience, having misspelled a word given to them by moderator Alice Owen. The last 30 minutes moved quickly as the final eight began to drop out in fairly rapid succession.

"I didn't think I would get that far," Alexis said of her second-place finish Calvin said his strategy was fairly simple: He repeatedly asked Owen for definitions and to use the word in a sentence, as permitted by the rules.

He also studied like a fiend on the drive to Kaiserslautern Said Calvin: "I just wanted to be care-

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Thirteen-year-old Calvin Lau, an eighth-grader at Schweinfurt Middle School in Germany, won the 23rd annual European PTA Spelling Bee Final on Saturday.

### 21st TSC troops deploy to Afghanistan

Stare and Strings

When their boots hit combat soil, they'll find themselves in an ancient, war-damaged nation in places such as Bagram, Kandahar and Kabul

And they won't be returning for a vear

Roughly 170 soldiers under the umbrella of the 21st Theater Support Command loaded onto a commercial jet at Ramstein Air Base. Germany, on Saturday afternoon and departed for a yearlong Afghanistan deployment

Their mission: To provide logistical support and force protection for all U.S.-friendly forces in Af-

Soldiers heading out Saturday represented the 330th Rear Operations Center and the 29th Support Group Headquarters and Headquarters Company. Those elements are part of the 21st TSC, which by July will have deployed about 1.100 troops to Afghanistan for its joint logistics command

While waiting to depart Saturday, several troops said they were excited and ready to go. Troops used the long wait to catnap, fiddle with their iPods and get in a few games on a Sony PlayStation.

Also with the group Saturday were 54 soldiers with the 208th Finance Battalion under the command of Lt. Col. Kathryn Hall. The unit "brings the cash to the battlefield" to pay soldiers and contractors, Hall said.

"[The the 208th soldiers] have certainly earned their place on this team," she said.

All the troops will fly to Kyrgyzstan and from there will de-



Above: Soldiers with the 21st Theater Support Command load onto a commercial airliner Saturday at lamstein Air Base, Germany, to depart for a yearlong Afghanistan deployment. Below right: Staff Sgt. Christopher Valdez joins about 170 21st TSC soldiers leaving Saturday.

part to several locations in Afghanistan. Staff Sgt.



er of the 29th Support Group HHC is keeping an open mind her about vearlong deployment, but is reassured by the

ability of her troops in vehicle maintenance.

"It's almost like I'm with family

and soldiers at the same time," she said. "I know their capabilities, and they know my capabilities

After looking into the eyes of his soldiers, Col. Walter J. Sawyer, commander of the 29th Support Group, knew his troops were ready for their Afghanistan deployment.

"What they are getting ready to do is not only important to the guy or gal next to them but to the entire mission," he said.

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### Memorial for retiree A memorial service will be

held noon Tuesday at the base chapel in Landstuhl, Germany, for a retired airman who became an advocate for retirees and their families in Europe.

Paul Hacker, 70 and a retired chief master sergeant, died Feb. 28 of what medical officials believe was a heart ailment. He was driving his car on Ramstein Air Base, Germany, just before he

The family has asked that in lieu of flowers donations be made to the American Heart Associa-

### 'Dollar Days' in store

Commissaries throughout Europe will roll out a new promotion campaign later this month that will offer multiple items for a buck

The stores have dubbed the sales event "Dollar Days." Products throughout the store will feature dollar pricing much like the popular dollar stores in the United States. The event runs from March 31

to April 13, said Gerri Young, spokeswoman for the Defense Commissary Agency in Europe. A second Dollar Days event is scheduled for Aug. 11-24. Commissaries in the United

States and Far East also will participate in the promotion. 'Customers

might two-for-a-dollar deals, or even unusual deals such as three items for two dollars," Patrick B. Nixon, chief executive officer and acting director of the Defense Commissary, said in a press release.

Customers should look for the "Extra Savings" signs in stores to find the Dollar Days bargains.

If the promotion is popular, commissary officials said similar ones could be held in the future. From staff reports

### Army heightens focus on budget priorities

equipment their units will receive upon arrival in

■ Scrutinizing contractual actions to ensure they

■ Analyzing support requirements in the Bal-

To date, USAREUR has received about half of its

annual \$1 billion budget. An estimated \$150

million in regular budget money will

rives, Marlar said.

stallation

come its way at the end of the

month. USAREUR will have to

make do with that amount until

supplemental funding ar-

Officials at the Army's In-

Agency-Europe do not be-

lieve the agency's essential

services are in danger as a

result of "near term cash

challenges" brought on by

the cost of the global war on

terrorism, according to a writ-

ten statement by Kim Walz, chief

Management

kans to ensure logistical support is being accom-

plished in the most efficient, cost-effective manner

are essential to current operations and to deter-

mine which can be deferred or canceled with mini-

### While waiting on supplemental money, USAREUR to trim nonessential spending

theater:

BY STEVE MRAZ

Stars and Stripes

While U.S. Army Europe's roughly \$2 billion annual budget has not been decreased as a result of the global war on terrorism, Army officials in Eurone say they have been asked by the Department of the Army to watch spending during the next two

The tone of that message was not that the Army was facing a budget crisis, but rather to make sure budget officers focused on priorities, said Gary Marlar, USAREUR's budget officer.

Earlier this month, Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper ordered Air Force commands to cut spending and delay programs considered a lower priority than the war.

The military expects funding in May from the White House-requested \$82 billion supplemental spending bill. About \$75 billion of that is for defense-related expenditures.

In the meantime, USAREUR has prioritized its funding to ensure soldiers and units are adequately equipped and trained for combat in Iraq and Afghanistan, Marlar said. Also of priority are quality-of-life programs for soldiers and their families, but funding those priorities has not come without consequences, he said

"To ensure we can most efficiently and effective ly support these priorities, we have implemented several initiatives to reduce, defer or eliminate non-essential expenditures where possible," Marlar said in a written statement

"To date, we have not ... canceled specific projects or programs. In addition to the normal review of day-to-day operations such as travel, overtime, etc., we are reviewing theater maintenance operations to ensure that we continue to perform predeployment and reconstitution maintenance in the most efficient, cost-effective manner.'

Other measures the Army is taking include ■ Reminding commanders not to acquire or ship

of public affairs for IMA-E Walz said some IMA-E actions have been scaled back. In the near term, IMA-E cannot conduct actions other than those absolutely necessary, But when asked for specifics, another IMA-E offi-

cial was unable to provide examples of services that have been affected. In fact, according to an e-mail from Millie Waters, an IMA-E spokeswoman, the agency has "not scaled back any services."

In the end, the Army will take care of its soldiers and families, Walz said.

"As soon as the supplemental is passed by Congress, we expect to be back to full business in all our functional areas," according to her statement. "The Army, USAREUR and IMA leadership are

all committed to support the well-being of our force and our installations."

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### Air Force facing massive shortfalls

U.S. Air Forces in Europe officials could not provide details on how indi vidual bases throughout the region would make adjustments due to service-wide budget cuts ordered by the Air Force chief of staff.

Maj. Patrick Ryder, a spokesman for the headquarters command based at Ramstein Air Base in Germany, said Friday that a final decision on what types of areas would be cut is

still pending.

Earlier this month, Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper ordered the major commands to make the necessary cuts to avoid a "budget crisis." The Air Force is facing a \$3 billion shortfall in maintenance and operation and will be \$733 million short in military personnel funding by the end of the fiscal year, he told commanders in a March 1 message.

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Air Force officials have attributed the debt to spending on the war

Air ronce officials nave attributed the debt to spending on the war no terrorism and the war in Iraq.

Commands have been told to count every dollar, and prioritize all spending," according to Jackie Hampton, an Air Force spokeswoman at the Pentagon. Flying operations, required maintenance and all "war-pelated activities" are top priorities and will not be affected by the budget reduction Areas that could be cut include travel, administration functions,

non-deployment related training and new contracts, Hampton said.

### No budget crisis for Department of Navy

While the nation's war on terrorism has the Air Force cutting programs to avoid a bud-Arr Force cutting programs to avoid a but get crisis, no such edict has come from the Navy, officials said. The Navy described its budget shortfall as "marginal." The service is depending on Con-gress to dole out additional dollars be-

yond the Pentagon's regular budget to pay for the wear and tear on Navy

sets and cost of the war, particularly for costs incurred with the high operational tempo of the Marine Corps.

"In the current fiscal year, we are having to 'cash-flow' a large portion of the costs of war, but are planning on the U.S. Congress to approve the [fiscal year] 2005 supplemental requested by the president "Nauy explose ent," Navy spokeswoman Lt. Pauline Pimentel said. Of the White House's \$82 billion fiscal 2005 emergency supplemen

tal request now before Congress, less than one-third — about \$25 billion — is earmarked for the Department of the Navy, comprised of the Navy and Marine Corps. And of that \$25 billion, \$20 billion would

go to the Marine Corps, according to Navy budget documents.

In its early stages, the war took a chunk out of Navy budgets, and to compensate officials trimmed Navy Morale, Welfare and Recreation programs. Today, the budgetary picture is much different, officials in Europe said. They were unable to provide detailed information by deadline, but said they were working on a comprehensive view of the financial impact on naval facilities.

- Stars and Stripes

### Maximum age raised for Army reserves recruits

BY JON R. ANDERSON Stars and Stripes

ARLINGTON, Va. - Battling recruiting and retention shortfalls among its part-time soldiers, the Army is launching a new experimental policy approving the acceptance of not-so-young recruits into the ranks of the Army National Guard and Re-

Dubbed a three-year "test," the new policy will bump up the maximum age for new enlistments from 34 years to 39 years, according to an Army announcement

The policy applies to both men and women joining the military for the first time. The older recruits will be eligible for the same enlistment bonuses and other incentives as younger volunteers, according the announcement. Those with prior service experience interested in reserves duty remain under existing rules.

"The program will evaluate the feasibili ty of a permanent change to Army Reserve Component enlistment policy," reads the announcement. The test program begins

### 3-year 'test' program meant to make up for difficulties in enticing new GI enlistments

immediately and will run through September 30, 2008. Set by law, the maximum age for active-duty recruits will remain at less than 35 years old.

The move comes as reserve recruiters are struggling to convince potential recruits to join even as unit leaders are failing to convince enough troops to stay in uniform beyond initial contracts. Hundreds of thousands of part-time citizen soldiers have found themselves facing full-time duty in the combat zones, mostly under two-vear mobilization orders. Of the more than 412,000 Guard and Reserve troops who have been activated since Sept. 11, 2001, more than 63,000 have been mobilized twice, according to Pentagon figures.

Nearly half of the forces now in the Middle East and Central Asia come from the reserve components, noted Charles S. Abell,

the Pentagon's top personnel officer, in prepared remarks delivered before lawmakers March 16

With that as backdrop, he wrote, "This will be a very challenging year for recruiting for the reserve components particularly in the Army National Guard and Reserve," which have born the vast majority of combat deployments among reserve forces. Both the Army Guard and Reserve he wrote "are at high risk of falling short of their recruiting objectives.

To help stem the tide, the Army National Guard is increasing its recruiting force by more than 25 percent, adding 1,400 new recruiters. Meanwhile, the Army Reserve is nearly doubling its recruiting ranks with 734 new recruiters.

The Army's new policy should help their

"Raising the maximum age for non-prior service enlistment expands the recruiting pool, provides motivated individuals an opportunity to serve, and strengthens the readiness of Reserve units," according to the Army statement announcing the new policy.

All applicants must meet the same eligi-bility standards, to include passing the same physical standards and medical examination

"Experience has shown that older recruits who can meet the physical demands of military service generally make excellent Soldiers based on their maturity, motivation, loyalty, and patriotism," reads the announcement.

It's too early to say how much the new policy will help recruiters, but officials are

The impact of the measure on meeting enlistment goals has not been forecast, but it is expected to contribute to the Army's ef-forts to recruit top-quality individuals," according to the announcement.

### Good deed is a 'different kind of hangover'

### Writer sells diamond from \$9,800 martini, donates proceeds to the Walter Reed Society

BY LEO SHANE III Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON - John Ridley doesn't see anything wrong with paying \$9,800 for

a martini he didn't particularly like.
"You hear about it, and it's so insane that you have to try it," he said. "Some people jump out of a plane for an adventure; I bought an expensive drink."

But his real explanation is that some times writers do crazy things for a good story. Ridley, who penned the big screen hits "Three Kings" and "U-Turn," chronicled his humorous \$490-per-sip experi-

ence for National Public Radio last month

It's the ice, not the drink, that's expensive. At the Algonquin Hotel in New York, each of the special-ordered martinis contains a several-carat diamond submerged in the vodka, and requires the drinker to meet with a jeweler a



day in advance to discuss the cut and clarity of the stone So far, only two of the Algonquin's dia-

mond-laden drinks have been ordered The first, purchased in December, was used by a New York man to propose to his girlfriend (He spent \$13,000; she said yes). Ridley's high-society stunt had a different but still noble cause. He sold his

JEFFREY KATZ/NPR

### A close-up view of the 1.5-carat diamond that came with John Ridley's \$9,800 martini.

1.5-carat diamond and donated the proceeds to the Walter Reed Society, which assists relatives of troops under care at the

Army hospital, to bring awareness to the "When it comes to war, most people get in their heads one of two outcomes: Either

the troops will come back to their loved they'll be killed," he said. "But it gets out of people's minds the number of people injured. No matter how you feel about the war, you have to think of these soldiers

The NPR commentary, Ridley said, offered a way to get that message to millions

And it only cost him the price of a small "I didn't tell my wife about it ahead of me," he said, laughing. "I thought once it was all done and they ran the piece, I could

explain it to her Ridley said she has been very understanding, but has been calling him an idiot. His drink order was a vesper martini — the drink of choice for James Bond in Ian Fleming's spy novels, before Sean Connery replaced the gin and Lillet with vermouth for his onscreen, unstirred cocktail.

That literary angle, the debonair Bond

image and the mystery of a cocktail less-or-dered seemed perfect for the adventure Ridley was seeking.

Instead, it was stronger than he expected - good, but not what he would have preferred

And the drink was plunked down on the bar unceremoniously, just like any other alcoholic offering.

Worse still, the diamond was nearly thrown out by an overanxious waiter clearing the bar.

That's not exactly the experience one would expect for a drink with a \$9,000-plus markup

You could tell the presentation was lacking," he said. "And, clearly, there's nothing in it that makes it taste better. But I did get a nervous thrill as it came to me. You keep thinking, 'Is it worth writing out this check

"The next day, I kept asking myself if that was the most insane thing I've ever done. It's a different kind of hangover.

Still, the donation justified the experience in Ridley's mind. He sold the diamond for \$7,000, got another \$1,000 from the hotel, and earmarked the money for the Operation Iraqi Freedom Family Sup-

So in the end, his martini and story ended up costing only \$1,800.

"People think I'm a goofball, but it was a fun thing to do," he said. "I'll be out looking for the next thing soon. But I have a feeling for the rest of the year, it's going to be on the cheap."

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### **DOD** unveils sex assault reporting policy

BY LISA BURGESS Stars and Stripes

ARLINGTON, Va. - The Defense Department announced a new sexual assault reporting policy on Friday that allows victims to notify authorities of the attack and receive medical treatment without automatically triggering

an official military investigation. The DOD's current policy, which requires an official military investigation to begin as soon as a sexual assault is reported by a servicemember, discourages many victims from coming forward, according to David Chu, undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness

Many experts believe sexual assault to be "the most under-reported violent crime in the nation and in the military," Chu told Pentagon reporters.

The new policy "is a big change." Chu said, because victims will now have some time to get medical treatment and to learn about legal options before an official investigation kicks off.

Victims will also have more control over the release of his or her personal information, Chu said

Under restricted reporting, victims will be allowed to discuss details of their attack in confidence with a designated "sexual assault response coordinator," or SARC, or with a health-care provider, who will then notify the base's SARC instead of law enforcement or the base commander. Victims already have the right

to discuss sexual assaults as "privileged communications' with military chaplains, and the policy does not change that pro-



Under Secretary of Defense David Chu, right, Joint Task Force Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Brig. Gen. K.C. McClain, center, and Inspector General Joseph E. Schmitz hold a press conference at the Pentagon on Friday to deliver the results of the sexual misconduct survey.

### Survey: Most academy assaults unreported

WASHINGTON - One female student in seven attending the nation's military academies last spring said she had been sexually assaulted since becoming a cadet or midshipman, according to a report on the first survey of sexual misconduct on the three campuses released Friday by the Defense Department.

More than half the women studying at the Naval, Air Force and Army academies reported experiencing some form of sexual harassment on cam pus, according to survey responses. But few of those incidents, and only a third of the assaults, were reported to authorities.

The survey, conducted largely in response to allegations of widespread sexual harassment and as-

The SARC then will assign a victim advocate, whose job is to accurately describe all of the victim's rights and options, includprevailing climate at the academies that worries military leaders. Too many students condone off-color jokes and unwanted sexual advances. Too few dare to confront classmates with their transgressions or to report them to anyone else, the sur-In March and April 2004, the Defense Depart-

ent surveyed 1,906 women, or nearly all of the 1,971 who attend the three academies, along with a representative sample of 3,107 men

Among the women surveyed last spring across the three academies, 262 students reported 302 incidents of sexual assault, including 94 instances of alleged rape. About 176 cases involved inappropriate touching and fondling. Men reported 55 sexual assaults. The incidents occurred from 1999 to 2004.

> myself," Brig. Gen. K.C. Mc-Clain, commander of the Joint Task Force Sexual Assault Prevention and Response, said dur-

Unless the victim gives permission for unrestricted reporting of his or her case, the SARC, medical provider and victim advocate will be forbidden from discussing any oral, written or electronic communications with that person with command authorities or military or civilian law enforcement officials

The SARC is obligated to report the general outlines of the case to command authorities within 24 hours of the incident, as long as the report omits any infor-mation that "could reasonably lead to personal identification, according to the memorandum.

That requirement will ensure that commanders will have "a more realistic assessment of what's actually happening in their jurisdictions," because they receive information on events that were previously going unreported. Chu said.

Undersecretary of Defense Paul Wolfowitz signed the memorandum that created the changes March 16.

But the policy does not become effective for another 90 days, to give time to train all DOD personnel in the new policy, as well as training for commanders health personnel and other key participants in sexual assault response. Chu said.

"It's going to take quite some time to do this." Chu said.

The new policy complies with a requirement in the 2004 defense budget authorization that contained a clause requiring the Pentagon address the confidential reporting of sexual assault.

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### body with me; I'm not in this by AREUR hands out maintenance, supply awards

The advocate will give victims

the sense that "Now I have some-

ing a criminal investigation

Stars and Stripes

U.S. Army Europe maintenance and supply units were recognized last week for excellence at the unit and organizational level.

At the Tuesday awards ceremony in Heidelberg, Germany, Brig. Gen. Rebecca S. Halstead, called logisticians "the heroes on the battlefield" and praised maintenance and supply soldiers for their "selfless service. Established in 1982, the Army Award

for Maintenance Excellence was designed to improve and sustain unit maintenance readiness; to evaluate the status of total unit maintenance operations: to recognize outstanding unit level accomplishments and initiatives; and to promote competition at the major command

Army and Defense Department levels The Army Supply Excellence Program recognizes supply excellence at the unit

and organizational level. On the maintenance side, the winners

■ Large Table of Organization and

- Equipment/Modification Table of Organization and Equipment: 95th Military Police Battalion, 37th Transportation Command, 21st Theater Support Command;
- Large Table of Distribution and Allowance: Maintenance Activity Kaiserslautern, General Support Center-Europe, 21st Theater Support Command; ■ Medium TOE/MTOE: Company C.
- 17th Signal Battalion, 22nd Signal Brigade, V Corps
- Medium TDA: Maintenance Activity Pirmasens, General Support Center-Eu-

rope, 21st Theater Support Command;

- Small TOE/MTOE: Battery E, 6th Battalion, 52nd Air Defense Artillery Regiment, 69th Air Defense Artillery Brigade, V Corps
- Small TDA: Equipment Storage Site (Expanded), 7th Army Reserve Command. On the supply side, the winners were:
- Large Supply Support Activity: Supply Support Activity, 5th Maintenance Compa ny, 191st Ordnance Battalion, 29th Support Group, 21st TSC:
- Small Supply Support Activity: Supply Support Activity, 147th Maintenance Company, 71st Corps Support Battalion, 7th Corps Support Group, 3rd Corps Support nmand, V Corps
- Small TDA: Maintenance Activity Mannheim, General Support Center-Eurone 21st TSC-

■ TOE battalion category: 421st Medical Battalion, 30th Medical Group;

- TOE company category: 51st Transportation Company, 181st Transportation Battalion, 16th Corps Support Group, 3rd Corps Support Command, V Corps.
- The Installation Management Agency-Europe winners for supply are:

■ Large Supply Support Activity: Supply Support Activity, 22nd Area Support Group;

- Small Supply Support Activity: Supply Support Activity, 80th ASG;
- Property Book: Property Book 222nd Base Support Battalion, 104th ASG;
- Small TDA: Headquarters, Headquarters Company, 98th ASG;
- TOE company: Headquarters, Headquarters Company, 6th ASG.

#### Credit Union donates to tsunami effort

Service Credit Union recently sent \$127,632 to help relief efforts associated with the 2004 tsunami that struck southeast Asia

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The individual donations were collected at Service Credit Union's 13 branches in Germany.

"This could not have been made possible without the enerosity of our members and the non-members," said Natasha Blake, senior administrative assistant with the credit union

### USAFE 'network defenders' take award

The "network defenders" of U.S. Air Forces in Europe Communications and Information directorate have been recognized as the best in information assurance.

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ing computer and information networks safe and for superior support to the region.

The Department of Defense Information Assurance

Award honors commands that provide exceptional support to "integrated information assurance, situational awareness and command and control." The assistant secretary of defense for networks and information integration issues the award.

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### After 2 years, where does Iraq stand?

### Analysts: Troop withdraw depends on establishing new government, better economy and Iraqi security

BY RICHARD WHITTLE The Dallas Morning News

WASHINGTON - A week after U.S. troops invaded Iraq, as sand storms and attacks by fanatical paramilitaries threatened supply lines and inflicted casualtie the commander of the 101st Airborne Division betrayed misgiv-

"Tell me how this ends," Mai. Gen. David Petraeus challenged a Washington Post reporter embedded with his unit.

Two years after the conflict began on March 19, 2003, no one vet knows the answer

More than 1.500 U.S. service members have died and more than 11,500 have been wounded since the war began.

Nearly 150,000 U.S. troops are still in the country

This is probably a decade-long process," judged Sen. Jack Reed, D-R.I., a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee and a former Army Ranger.

The "natural lifespan" of most insurgencies is roughly eight to 15 years, said Steven Metz, a counterinsurgency expert at the U.S. Army War College. But "I would fully expect within two years for the U.S. [troops] to be almost exclusively in an advisory role," he said.

President Bush and other key officials avoid such forecasts "Our troops will come home

when Iraq is capable of defending herself," the president told a news conference Wednesday. If opinions vary on when the

troops might be withdrawn, most analysts agree that the answer depends on how long it takes to do three things:

- Establish a new government.
- Resuscitate the economy. ■ Train sufficient Iraqi securi-
- ty forces to replace U.S. troops. Here's a look at where things stand on the war's second anniver-

#### A new government

"We're making progress in helping Iraq develop a democra-Bush said in January. Four days later, millions of Iraqis braved insurgent threats and went to the polls to elect a national assembly. Joyously, defiantly, many waved ink-stained fingers in the air to show that they'd voted.

A poll conducted between Feb. 7 and March 5, found that 61.5 percent of 2,200 Iraqis surveyed in 15 of the country's 18 provinces felt their country was "headed in the right direction," reports the International Republican Institute(www.iri.org/03-15-05-IragP oll.asp). Bush and others have been cele

brating the Iraqis' enthusiasm for democracy ever since the elec-tion. But much remains to be done to reach the goal of a firmly rooted democratic government.

The 275-member Transitional National Assembly convened for the first time in Baghdad on Wednesday. In coming weeks it is to elect a speaker, a prime minister and a three-member presidency council. By Aug. 15, it is to write a constitution, then submit it to a popular referendum by Oc-

### Reviving the economy

Iraq's economy - distorted by 30 years of dictatorship, three wars and 10 years of U.N. economic sanctions - remains devastated and little progress has been made in rebuilding it.

Congress voted \$18.4 billion for reconstruction in November 2003, but 16 months later, less than \$4 billion has been spent.

"The insurgency makes it very difficult to accomplish much, noted James Placke, a Mideast expert with Cambridge Energy Research Associates.

U.S. and Iraqi authorities had hoped the country's electric grid would be producing 6,000 megawatts daily by last July 1. So far in March the level was 3 608 mega-

IIS reconstruction officials said at the Pentagon recently that while they have begun hundreds of new projects since the Jan. 30 elections, much of the money has gone for security - fences, guards, armored cars and the

Meanwhile, inflation is raging at 31 percent and unemployment is somewhere between 28 and 40 percent, according to the nonpartisan Brookings Institution.

#### **Building security forces**

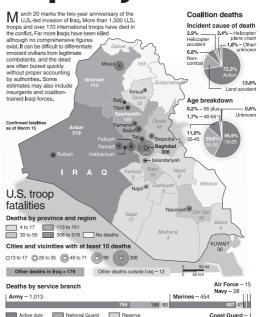
Anthony Cordesman of the Center for Strategic and International Studies said in testimony to a House subcommittee last week that the job of establishing new security forces got off to a slow start because of the "failure" of U.S. officials to anticipate the insurgen-

And in a February report on Iraq's security forces, Cordesman wrote that they had been hampered by low morale, infiltration and intimidation by insurgents, cowardice and inexperienced leadership

But he added that much progress has been made since summer, when the task of training and equipping most of Irag's forces was assigned to now Lt. Gen. Petraeus, who won his third star after spending a year in Iraq leading the 101st Airborne.

"It is far too soon to claim success, or any kind of tipping point in the development of Iraqi forces," Cordesman said, but Iraqi officers and officials think their forces "should be able to secure much of the country by 2006."

### **Iraq: two years later**



### Winners and losers of the war

WASHINGTON - The score card of winners and losers in the Iraq war is long - and far from certain

The final tally may not be clear for years, as democracy takes precarious hold and an insurgency shows little sign of disappearing. The legacy of a president, though re-elected, still hangs on what Iraq looks like in a few decades.

For now at least, the winner's circle includes defense contractors and Irag's ballot boxes, which were used in free elections for the first time in a half-century.

On the other side, the deposed and cantured Saddam Hussein awaits trial, while a far worse fate has befallen many others: More than 1,500 U.S. troops and untold thousands of Iragis are dead.

Winner: Bush, re-elected despite rising troop deaths, a mounting insurgency and no evidence of weapons of mass destruction.

Loser: Sen. John Kerry, the Democratic presidential candidate whose stance(s) on Iraq led Republicans to brand him a flip-flopper.

Winner: Kurds and Shiites two groups long oppressed Saddam, will hold the strings in the new Iraqi government.

Loser: Sunni Arabs, the minority that was dominant under Saddam, will struggle to have a politi-cal voice in the new Iraq.

Winner: The ballot box, visited by millions in January to mark the country's first independent elections since opposition won seats in 1954.

Loser: Threats of election day violence, which failed to deter those millions from casting votes

Winner: Defense and civilian contractors, who have signed deals worth hundreds of billions to outfit U.S. troops and help rebuild Iraq. Halliburton alone has been awarded billions in contracts.

Loser: Iraqi oil fields, the once-presumed financier for reconstruction. Oil profits have not materialized as the fields were found in total disrepair and terrorist sabotage has stymied restarting them.

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Winner: Iraqi media, once an organ of Saddam's Baath party. A plethora of freewheeling newspapers, radio and television stations emerged in his absence.

Loser: U.S. media, for failing to fully investigate Bush administration claims about Iraqi WMD.

Winner: "Shock and awe," the quick and intense bombing of Iraqi cities that sowed confusion among Iraq's leadership and allowed U.S troops to quickly advance.

Loser: "Mission Accom-plished." Bush's banner backdrop when he announced the end of major combat operations in May 2003. All but 138 U.S. troop deaths have come after his aircraft carrier declaration.

### Iraqi policeman killed, his funeral bombed

BY EDWARD HARRIS

BAGHDAD — Attackers gunned down a police officer Saturday in Kirkuk, then bombed a funeral procession carrying his corpse, killing three other policemen and wounding two, officials

The attackers sprayed automatic-weapons fire from a vehicle, killing the policeman as he made his way to the station house early Saturday, police Capt. Ahmed Shinrami said. Hours later, a road-side bomb hit mourners and security forces transporting the

corpse for burial.

"This is a criminal act. The mourners were doing a religious duty. I don't understand how someone could blast a funeral," wailed Allaa Talaban, sister of one of the officers killed in the blast in Kirkuk, an oil-rich city

180 miles north of Baghdad.
Assailants in Baghdad also killed police Commissioner Ahmed Ali Kadim as he traveled to his office in the Doura neighborhood of the capital, said Falah

Al-Mohammadawi, an investiga tor in the precinct.

tor in the precinct.
Elsewhere in Baghdad, a series
of blasts sent smoke up from the
banks of the Tigris River, a few
yards outside the heavily fortified
Green Zone. Cobra attack helicop-

ters flashed overhead.

A suicide attacker detonated a car bomb, targeting a U.S. military patrol on a highway northwest of Ramadi, 70 miles west of Baghdad in the restive region known as the Sunni Triangle, Iraqi police Sgt. Laith Ismael

said.
The car bomb "detonated prematurely, before it could reach the patrol," the U.S. military said in a statement. No casualties

were reported.

Iraqis kept up protests Satur-day against a Jordanian man they believe carried out a suicide bombing that killed 125 people in Hillah on Feb. 28. "No, no to terrorism," chantted about 200 people in Baqouba, 35 miles north-

east of Baghdad.

The Jordanian daily Al-Ghad
had reported that the man, Raed
Mansour al-Banna, carried out the

### U.S. deaths in Iraq

he Associated Pres

As of Friday, at least 1,519 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count. At least 1,155 died as a result of hostile action, according

The figures include four military civilians

The AP count is six higher than the Defense Department's tally, last updated at 10 a.m. EST Friday.

The British military has reported 86 deaths; Italy, 21; Ukraine, 18; Poland, 17; Spain, 11; Bulgaria, eight; Slovakia, three; Estonia, Thailand and the

attack, the single deadliest of the Iraqi insurgency. The paper later issued a correction, however, saying it was not known where in Iraq al-Banna carried out an assault. Netherlands, two each; and Denmark, El Salvador, Hungary, Kazakhstan and Latvia one death each.

Since May I, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 1,381 U.S. military members have died, according to AP's count. That includes at least 1,049 deaths resulting from hostile action, according to the military's numbers.

The latest deaths reported by the military:

■ A soldier was killed Friday in small arms fire while on patrol in northeast Baghdad. The latest identifications re-

ported by the military:

No identifications reported.

Al-Banna's family has denied his involvement in the Hillah attack, saying he was killed while carrying out a suicide bombing in Mosul. More than 2.000 Shiite demon-

strators marched through Baghdad on Friday, raising the Iraqi flag over Jordan's Embassy and demanding an apology from the Lordanian government

Jordanian government.
On Wednesday, the leader of the clergy-backed United Iraqi Alliance claimed during Iraq's first National Assembly meeting that neighboring Jordan wasn't doing enough to prevent terrorists from

slipping into Iraq.

A number of Iraqi politicians, including interim Prime Minister Ayad Allawi, have demanded explanations from the Jordanian government.

Jordanian government spokeswoman Asma Khader condemned terrorism and stressed her country's solidarity with the Iraqi people.

"The government condemns strongly any attack against the Iraqi people, in particular the hideous massacre of Hillah which killed scores of innocent people," Khader said. "We have put intensive measures to track those terrorists and there is security coordination with Iraq to protect the borders of both countries."

### Memorial held for GI who died in Afghanistan

A memorial service was held Saturday for an American soldier killed by a land mine Wednesday in western Afghanistan. Staff Sgt. Shane Koele of Hartley, Iowa, was assigned to the 212th

Military Police Company out of Kitzingen, Germany.

Four other soldiers were injured when the armored Humvee they

were riding in struck an anti-tank mine.

Two were treated and returned to duty and two others were taken to the military hospital at Bagram Air Base, treated and released. According to a news release issued by the Coalition Press Information Center in Kabul, the military police unit had only recently ar-

rived in Afghanistan.

On Tuesday night, two vehicles were out conducting a patrol about 12 miles south of the town of Shindand when one of military police vehicles became stuck in the mud.

During recovery attempts Wednesday, the Humvee that Koele was riding in struck a mine.

Koele, 25, is survived by a wife and infant daughter.

From staff report

# WANE

A Greenpeace activist dressed like the angel of death carries a sickle going through a baby doll during an anti-war protest Saturday in Istanbul, Turkey. Thousands of anti-war protesters gathered around the world to mark the second anniversary of the U.S.-Ied invasion of Iraq.

### Protests mark invasion anniversary

The Associated Press

LONDON — Tens of thousands of anti-war protesters marked the second anniversary of the U.S.led invasion of Iraq with demonstrations across Europe on Saturday.

In Britain, police said about 45,000 demonstrators participated in a march from London's Hyde Park past the American Embassy and on to Trafalgar Square.

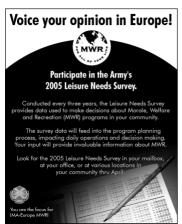
"We got the Iraqis into this mess, we need to help them out of it," said protester Kit MacLean, 29. In the southern Turkish city of Adana, home to a Turkish military base used by American forces, protesters laid a black wreath in front of the U.S. Consulate to protest the war, the Anatolia news agency re-

In Athens, Greece, about 3,000 protesters brought the city center to a standstill for three hours and painted outlines of bodies outside the U.S. Embassy. The protests were nowhere near as big as those in February 2003, just before the war, when millions marched in cities around the world to urge U.S. President George W. Bush and his allies not to attack Iraq.

With international forces still facing a violent opposition in Iraq, protesters were divided about what to demand from leaders now. While some wanted a full troop withdrawal, others argued that that would leave Iraqis in a worse position than before the invacion

Security was heavy outside the U.S. Embassy in London, where cement barricades and metal fences blocked the building, as they have since the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

Two former British soldiers placed a cardboard coffin bearing the words "100,000 dead" outside the embassy.







Above: Soldiers from Company C. 203rd Forward Support Battalion. treat casualties. A mass-casualty rehearsal for recently arrived soldiers was scheduled for Wednesday morning, but it was called off after real life took precedence - a car bomb exploding near the front gate of Forward Operating Base Warhorse.

Left: Capt. Cheryle Hartley of Nantui Glo, Pa., removes shrapnel from the leg of an Iraqi soldier Wednesday at Forward Operating Base Warhorse in Bagouba, Iraq, while other soldiers from Company C, 203rd Forward Support Battalion assist her.

### Attack gives medical unit a baptism by fire

BY CHARLIE COON Stars and Stripes

BAQOUBA, Iraq — At 10 a.m. Wednesday, the newly arrived soldiers were scheduled to rehearse a mass-casualty situation at their medical facility. Practice makes nerfect after all

But about an hour before the rehearsal was to start, a car bomb exploded near their front gate The rehearsal was called off, and a real-life drama unfolded. The soldiers worked through the controlled chaos and learned some lessons along the way.

"You never know when it's going to happen or where," said Capt. Al Paul, commander of "Charlie Med," Company C, 203rd Forward Support Battalion, which operates the Teal Medical Facility at Forward Operating Base Warhorse.

Four Iraqi army soldiers were killed in the blast; three died instantly and the fourth died on one of the clinic's operating tables

Most of the 55 soldiers who make up Charlie Med and an additional 36 who belong to attached. related units arrived in Iraq in January or February as part of the 42nd Infantry Division's task Force Liberty

which now oversees operations in north-central Iraa

bap Their tism by fire began soor after the 8:43 a.m. blast was heard, and

radio crackle began reporting casualties

"It's not a scheduled event, Paul said. "We had personnel all over. They still have other duties. Some have to pull [security]. We had others who were teaching a class."

Within two hours, 17 Iraqi troops who were wounded were stabilized. Some were evacuated by helicopter to an Air Force Theatre Hospital in nearby Balad. Others were treated and returned

44 When I see a patient on the table and the wounds they have and the blood on my gloves, it always gets me, even if they're not wearing the same uniform.

to duty

"We did better than I thought we were going to," said 21year-old Spc. Penney Gainer of Cary, Ill., one of the first to arrive at Warhorse's front gate, where the victims were being brought.

"It was mine and a lot of peo-

ple's first time we'd seen a mass-casualty [event] like that," she said

An hour after the clinic had cleared, the soldiers of Charlie

Med reviewed what went right and made suggestions on how to im-

prove. Thev graded their effort а B-plus. Among the

adjustments Spc. Linda Perez they said they would make before "next time"

■ Post guards to restrict the flow of people into and out of the small clinic as the casualties were being treated; ■ Have rooms better marked

so stretcher-bearers would know where to carry the wounded;

■ Be better prepared to handle additional casualties in case of multiple attacks occurred in rapid succession They also discussed ways per-

sonnel other than doctors and medics — such as supply specialists and those who maintain the medical equipment - could assist in a more preplanned way.

Afterward, some of the soldiers said that Wednesday's real-life emergency gave them experience and taught lessons they could have never learned in the rehearsal that had been planned.

"When I see a patient on the table and the wounds they have and the blood on my gloves, it al-ways gets me, even if they're not wearing the same uniform," said Spc. Linda Perez, 21, of Copperas ove, Texas.

"You can't practice [like that] on a fake patient.

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Lt. Col. Tim Strasburger, an A-10 pilot with the 23rd Fighter Group from Pope Air Force Base, N.C., flies his aircraft about every other day. Behind him are A-10s with the famed "Flying Tigers" nose paintings.





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### 'Warthogs' prove their mettle in Afghanistan

### A-10s provide ground troops intimidating sky support

BY KENT HARRIS Stare and Strings

BAGRAM AIR BASE, Afghanistan — When American soldiers encounter the enemy in this country of seemingly endless mountains and rocky valleys, they can count on one thing their enemies can't: air power.

Much of that power is supplied by a small group of pilots who fly A-10 Thunderbolt IIs, somewhat affectionately known as "War-

They admittedly are not as elegant — or as fast — as their fighter counterparts, such as the F-15 or F-16. But the pilots taking the planes up daily into the skies over Afghanistan say they wouldn't want to be flying anything else.

"I think this aircraft is perfect for what we're doing here right now," said Col. Warren Henderson, commander of the 23rd Fighter Group at Pope Air Force Base, N.C., and 455th Expeditionary Operations Group commander at Bagram.

And just what is that?

"The basic thing we do here is support the guys on the ground with whatever they need," said Capt. Joe Scholtz, who had just finished a six-hour mission Saturday. Sometimes, the mere presence of an A-10 overhead can discour-

age attacks, the Air Force pilots sav Other times, soldiers on the ground who have called in help om the friends in the skies see their opposition quit fighting and

take off "When [enemy forces] see the A-10 overhead, they know it's time to disengage and run away." Henderson said.

### Flying high since . World War II

BAGRAM AIR BASE. Afghanistan - The Flying Tigers achieved fame by helping the Chinese take on the Japanese in World War II.

Originally an all-volunteer force, the group of pilots kept a supply route open from Burma to China starting in the 1930s. Seven decades later, 23rd Fighter Group flies daily near China, supporting ground troops in Afghanistan.

According to Col. Warren Henderson, the group commander, one of the planes' ties to the past are the shark teeth they sport - a rare ornament for fighter aircraft in the Air

But it is not the only one. "Basically, the Flying Tigers have been involved in every conflict we've had since World War II," he said.

About a squadron's worth of A-10s - between 12 and 18 planes — are serving a four-month stint in Afghanistan. They'll be followed by the other half of the group for the following four months - Kent Harris

The planes are touted by some for their ability to destroy enemy tanks but there are not a lot of armored vehicles for the A-10s to fire on in Afghanistan.

Instead, with the help of a new targeting system that allows pilots to see better at night, the aircraft are carrying out reconnaissance missions, as well as supporting

convoys and visits by dignitaries to special events.
And those reconnaissance mis-

sions don't always involve potential enemies. On Friday night, A-10s helped locate local residents threatened by floodwaters in western Afghanistan. The pilots then gave the coordinates to Army helicopters that swooped in and rescued hundreds of stranded citi-

Pilots like Scholtz, Capt. Ron Oliver and Lt. Col. Tim Strasburger are in the air about every other day. But their squadron of planes is in the skies around the clock.

The planes that Scholtz and Strasburger flew Saturday would be ready for another mission in

about an hour, they said. The planes don't complain, Oliv-

er said.
"The more you fly them, the bet-ter they fly," he said.

The pilots say they could have a busy spring, with anticoalition forces expected to mount more attacks on forces on the ground.

"I'd rather support a guy on the ground than get an air-to-air kill any day," Strasburger said, acknowledging a difference between A-10 pilots and some of their fighter brethren.

"I guarantee you that at any Army post you go to, the A-10 guys drink for free.

Of course, that doesn't hold true in Afghanistan, where U.S. service-members are not permitted to drink alcohol

But there might be a few munds waiting in North Carolina when the pilots return to Pope and their Fort Bragg neighbors — in this case, members of the 1st Brigade, 82nd Airborne Division their yearlong tour in Afghanistan. E-mail Kent Harris at: harrisk@mail.estripes.osd.mil



A-10 "Warthog" pilots and ground crews at Bagram Air Base prepare Saturday for another sortie over Afghanistan. The planes are in the sky around the clock, supporting troops on the ground or carrying out reconnaissance missions.

### IN THE STATES

### **Doctors remove Schiavo's feeding tube**

### Mother asks Bush to 'save my little girl'

BY MITCH STACY

The mother of Terri Schiavo appealed Saturday to politicians to take action requiring reconnection of the feeding tube that was removed from the severely braindamaged woman on court order.

"Please, please, please, save my little girl," Mary Schindler said outside the hospice where her daughter lives.

Schindler called upon President Bush, Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, members of Congress and state lawmakers to do whatever they could to prevent Schiavo from dying.

Republican leaders on Capitol Hill, who failed Friday in a bid to use congressional subpoena powers to circumvent court orders, said they would work throughout the weekend to find a way to do that.

Lying in her hospice bed with a crowd of protesters gathering outside Friday, Terri Schiavo stopped receiving nourishment through a feeding tube that has kept her alive for more than a decade.

Doctors removed the tube despite an extraordinary, last-minute push by Republicans on Capitol Hill to use the subpoena powers of Congress to keep the brain-damaged woman alive.

Schiavo, 41, could linger one to two weeks, provided no one intercedes and gets the tube reinserted — something that has happened twice before.

But activists kept a vigil for Schiavo, while congressional Republicans and her parents' lawyers promised to go on fighting for her life as she spent her first full day Saturday without food and water.

Three men, led by anti-government activist James Gordon "Bo" Gritz, were arrested on misdemeanor trespassing charges after trying to enter the hospice Saturday with bread and water to give Schiavo. Although she cannot eat or drink, supporters of keeping her alive said the move had symbolic value.

A spokesman for Schiavo's parents, Paul O'Donnell, later told reporters that they do not want supporters to engage in civil disobedience on their daughter's behalf.

Schiavo's husband said removing the tube was what Terri wanted. He was at her side shortly after the tube was removed at mid-afternoon.

"It felt like some peace was happening for Terri," Michael Schiavo told NBC's "Today" on Saturday. "And I felt like she was finally going to get what she wants, and be at peace and be with the Lord."

The removal signals that an end may be near in a decade-long feud



Rev. Patrick Mohoney, center on ground, leads protesters in prayer Friday outside the Woodside Hospice in Pinellas Park, Fla., where Terri Schiavo is a patient. Schiavo — who has been in a coma-like state for 15 years — was removed from her feeding tube Friday afternoon.

between Schiavo's husband and her devoutly Roman Catholic parents, Bob and Mary Schindler. The parents have been trying to oust Michael Schiavo as their daughter's guardian and keep in place the tube that has kept her alive for more than 15 years. David Gibbs III, the Schindlers' attorney, said he would work through the weekend to prepare another appeal for a federal appel-late court. He also said he hoped lawmakers in Washington or Talla-assee could agree on legislation that would force that the tube be

reinserted.

The judge presiding over the case, Circuit Judge George Greer, ruled in the husband's favor and rejected the request from House attorneys to delay the removal, which he had previously ordered to take place at 1 p.m.

### Case stirs emotions

The Associated Press

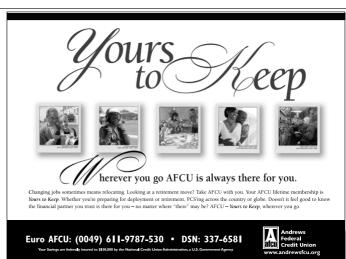
TALLAHASSEE, Fla.—She's known for her no-nonsense tone, but when Sen. Nancy Argenziano took the floor after a week of closeddoor negotiations over legislation meant to keep Terri Schiavo alive, she wept.

"I believe keeping someone from getting to heaven is the wrong thing to do," she said Friday, handkerchief in hand, as she explained why she couldn't vote to prolong the brain-damaged woman's life.

It was the peak of an emotional week for Florida lawmakers, who failed to pass legislation that could have prevented Friday's removal of Schiavo's feeding tube, despite pressure from Gov. Jeb Bush and conservative religious groups.

Some legislators accused the state of starving the disabled to death. Others painfully remembered their own decision to withhold food and water from loved ones who were already fading away, and said the government had no place intruding.

"We must give someone the opportunity to contribute to life in whatever way they can," said Rep. Dennis Baxley.



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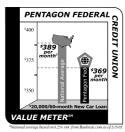
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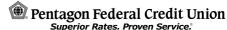
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Former Connecticut Gov. John G. Rowland puts his hand on the shoul der of his wife, Patty, as they make their way through a crowd Friday on the way to U.S. District Court in New Haven. Conn.

### Ex-Conn. governor gets year in prison

The Associated Press

NEW HAVEN, Conn. - His voice occasionally wavering, former Gov. John G. Rowland stood before a federal judge and told how arrogance had led him to corruption.

"I let my pride get in my way, Rowland said Friday before U.S. District Judge Peter C. Dorsey sentenced him to a year in prison for selling access to his office for personal gain.

Rowland, 47, pleaded guilty in December to a corruption charge, admitting he sold his influence for more than \$100,000 in trips to Las Vegas, vacations in Vermont and Florida, and improvements at his lakeside cot-

He resigned last summer amid a gathering drive to impeach him. Once Connecticut's youngest governor and one of the Republican Party's fastest-rising stars. Rowland told Dorsey that he lost sight of his ethical judgment and developed a "sense of entitlement and even arrogance.

Dorsey cited Rowland's public service and his children for handing down the sentence, which was shorter than the 15 months to 21 months in prison called for in the plea agreement Rowland made with prosecutors.

After hearing the sentence, Rowland hugged his wife, Patty, who was sobbing, and his two daughters, who were also in tears. While Rowland tried to downplay the charge against him Friday, prosecutors repeatedly called him corrupt.

"He has corrupted the office of the governor as if he took a bag of cash in a dark alley." Assistant U.S. Attorney Nora Dannehy told Dorsey. "He was corrupt. It was a six-year conspiracy to deprive this state of honest services

Dorsey sentenced Rowland to a year plus one day in prison, four months of home confinement and three years of supervised release. He ordered Rowland to report to prison on April 1 in Ayer, Mass. Rowland was fined \$82,000 and

ordered to do 300 hours of community service.

### Bush praises democratic moves in the Middle East

The Associated Press

WACO, Texas - The U.S. military victory against Saddam Hussein's regime in Iraq gets the credit for "inspiring democratic re-formers from Beirut to Tehran," President Bush said Saturday.

"Today, women can vote in Af-ghanistan. Palestinians are breaking the old patterns of violence, and hundreds of thousands of Lebanese are rising up to demand their sovereignty and democratic rights," Bush said in a weekly radio address that marked the two-year anniversary of the start of the Iraq war.

With his primary rationale for the war — Saddam's alleged pos-session of weapons of mass destruction - discredited, Bush has turned to the argument that the war in Iraq was justified because it freed the Iraqi people from a brutal dictator and now gives the Mid-

dle East a model for democracy. Bush said, "The Iraqi people are taking charge of their destiny," citing the country's first free and fair elections in its modern history, this week's first meeting of the Transitional National Assembly and the upcoming drafting of a constitution for a "free and democratic Iraq."

Against that progress, insurgents have carried on a relentless campaign of suicide bombings, kidnappings and beheadings while rampant crime, power outages, unemployment over 50 percent and a fuel crisis in one of the world's prime oil-exporting coun tries continues.

Some have questioned Bush's repeated claims that recent demo cratic developments in several global hotspots are due to both the Iraq war and his second-term drive to push for reforms

### Yates' split is official

BY PAM EASTON The Associated Press

HOUSTON - Russell Vates finalized his divorce Thursday from his wife, Andrea, three years after she was sentenced to life in prison for drowning their children.

Under the decree, Andrea Yates will get her gliding rocking chair - generally used for nursing baand the right to be buried near the five children. Russell Yates also will give her \$7,000 and a portion of his retirement benefits from his employment at NASA.

The house where the children were drowned in the bathtub in 2001 has been sold

Andrea Yates, 40, was sentenced to life in prison for three of the 2001 drowning deaths, but the capital murder convictions were overturned in January. A panel of the First Court of Appeals in Houston sided with her lawyers, who contended false testimony from a prosecution expert witness influenced the jury. Andrea Yates claimed she was insane at the time of the drownings

Prosecutors have asked the full appeals court to reconsider.

"She has come to terms with it and knows Rusty needs to go on with his life," Andrea Yates' attorney, John O'Sullivan said

"She just wants to get it behind her. She doesn't

like it. She wishes it didn't happen. The divorce also was tough for Russell Yates, his



The Yates family is shown in this November 2000 photo. In back are Andrea Yates, pregnant with daughter Mary, and her husband, Russell. In front are, from left, John, Luke, Paul and Noah. Russell Yates finalized his divorce Thursday.

attorney David Salinsky said. Russell Yates still cares for Andrea and continues to visit her in prison,

he said. The couple married on April 17, 1993, and stopped living together on June 20, 2001, the day the children were killed, according to the divorce neti-

Andrea Yates remains at a psychiatric prison in East Texas.



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### Police: Remains of missing Fla. girl found

### Suspect confesses to kidnapping, killing 9-year-old

The Associated Press

HOMOSASSA. Fla. - The body of missing 9-year-old Jessica Lunsford was found early Satur-day, a day after officials said a registered sex offend-

er confessed to kidnapping and killing the girl. Citrus County Sheriff Jeff Dawsy said Jessica's body was found during an overnight search in a densely wooded area, only about 150 yards away from the home the girl shared with her father and grandparents.

Jessica's father, Mark Lunsford, visited the search scene shortly after sunrise and gave a brief, emotional statement to reporters.

"Everyone heard me say, time after time, that she would be home," Lunsford said, his eyes hidden behind dark black sunglasses. "She's home now."

John Evander Couey, 46, confessed to kidnapping and killing Jessica after taking a lie-detector test Friday in Georgia, Dawsy said. She disappeared from her bedroom more than three weeks ago

"We're en route to bring him back home." said Dawsy, who added that he wants Couey to face the death penalty.

"This guy is not a quality person, by any means. ... He's truly a piece of trash," the sheriff said. Dawsy said that four other people were charged

in connection with the case, three of them with obstruction for failing to notify police when Couey allegedly told them he had committed a crime. A fourth, the sheriff said, was picked up for questioning in the case but was charged only with failure to pay child support in an unrelated matter

Dawsy called the four "a bunch of druggies" and said he would urge prosecutors not to allow them to plea-bargain for reduced sentences.

The body was found in the area around the trailer home of Couey's half-sister.

Crews worked through the night in temperatures that dipped into the low 40s. Bright search lights were erected around the perimeter, and several candles left from a late-night vigil burned nearby.

Lunsford has said the family did not know Couev.

"He may have interacted with Jessica," Dawsy said. "But there is no relationship between Couey and this family

At a news conference late Friday from Ohio, the girl's mother, Angela Bryant, repeatedly made the same vow: Couey, she said, "will pay."

"This man's hurt too many people," she said through tears Jessica, a third-grader, was last seen when she

went to bed in her home Feb. 23. She was discovered missing in the next morning, with the

door unlocked and her stuffed animal gone. The clothes she had laid out for school were still in place, and her shoes weren't missing. Detectives grew interested

in Couey while interviewing all registered sex offenders in the area. They tried to contact Couey at his home in Homosassa five days after Jessica disap-peared and discovered he no

longer lived there

When investigators followed up with the half-sister, she denied that Couey had lived with her. But another relative confided to a detective that Couey sometimes stayed at the home

Authorities said Couey left Florida on or about March 4 after telling relatives that police would be looking for him. He was arrested in Augusta, Ga., on a probation violation for failing to notify officials that he was moving, a requirement for sex offenders. He was awaiting extradition to Florida on Fri-

Couey has an extensive criminal record that includes 24 arrests for burglary, carrying a concealed weapon and indecent exposure. In 1991, he was arrested in Kissimmee on a charge of fondling a child under age 16. Records don't show how the case was



Mark Lunsford, the father of Jessica Lunsford, embraces Jessica's cousin Kristy Kirkland prior to addressing the media near his home in Homosassa, Fla., on Saturday. Authorities say they have found the body of Jessica and caught the suspect in her slaving.

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### Fianceé says Letterman suspect falsely accused

The Associated Press

NEW YORK - The fignceé of a Montana man charged with plotting to kidnap David Letterman's son said her husband-to-be is being falsely accused by a childhood friend he had a falling out

Kelly A. Frank was arrested Monday after the estranged friend told authorities that Frank had confided a plan to kidnap 16-month-old Harry Joseph Letterman and his nanny for \$5 mil-

Frank, 43, and the informant not only had been friends since they were 10 but also had worked together at the talk-show host's ranch, west of Choteau, Mont., said the fianceé, Laurie Johnson.

In interviews published Saturday, Johnson told the New York Daily News and New York Post that the estranged friend has a "personal vendetta" against Frank because of a fight they had at work, and has been trying to incriminate him ever since.

Johnson said the informant twisted an offhand remark Frank had made about Letterman increasing security at the ranch

into a threat against the child. "He has always had great re-spect for Letterman," Johnson,

40, told the Daily News "He felt privileged to be able to

go up there and work for him." Frank is charged with felony so licitation, fel-

for

ony theft for allegedly overcharging Letterman painting work and misdemeanor obstruction for alleg-

edly lying to an FBI agent questioned him about the plot.

He is being held on \$600,000 bail and is scheduled to make his next court appearance Tuesday. Authorities in Teton County, Mont., said it was not clear whether Frank had an attorney yet. He had not been assigned a public defender as of Friday afternoon.

Frank previously pleaded guilty to stalking and intimidating a woman who alleges he also kidnapped and raped her.

### **Top 'Movie Stars' list gets mixed reviews**

Premiere's list of '50 Greatest' gives nods to current. classic actors

BY TAMER EL-GHOBASHY AND BILL HUTCHINSON New York Daily News

NEW YORK - A magazine's list of the "50 Greatest Movie Stars" is getting more jeers than cheers from film lovers flabbergasted that Tom Cruise outranks John Wayne

and Marlon Brando Premiere



magazine's editors spent two years painstakingcrafting the royal roster that nuts Cruise at No. behind

Monroe and list-topper Cary Grant.

Another head-scratcher Julia Roberts, who cracked the top 10 at No. 7, while four-time Oscar winner Katharine Hepburn came in No. 14.

"Julia Roberts shouldn't even make the list yet," said Mark Groblewski, 51, a construction director from Long Island. "You have to put in a lot of work to get

Jessica Faurie, 25, of Manhattan said Cruise doesn't rank on



Paul Newman

her personal list of top-shelf film

stars.
"There are many actors who are better than him," said the medical secretary But Premiere senior editor

his

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Premiere.

Glenn Kenny earned snot on the list. notch above John Wavne. because he's "the biggest contemporary movie in the star

years." Cruise is so big with the magazine's editors that they put his picture on the cover of the April

### Premiere's list of '50 Greatest Movie Stars'

- 1. Cary Grant
- 2 Marilyn Monroe
- 3. Tom Cruise
- 4. John Wavne 5. Ingrid Bergman
- 6. Paul Newman
- Julia Roberts
- 8. Greta Garbo
- 9. James Stewart
- 10. Henry Fonda 11. James Cagney
- 12. Grace Kelly
- 13. Humphrey Bogart
- 14. Katharine Hepburn
- 15 Marlon Brando
- 16. Jack Nicholson 17. Robert Redford
- Roberts, who won an Academy Award in 2000 for her portrayal of crusading environmentalist Erin Brockovich, earned her high

spot on the list for being Holly-

wood's highest-paid go-to actress.

appealing is because she often

identifies — onscreen, anyway — with the working class," reports

Part of the reasoning for pick-

ing actors like Roberts, Cruise,

Will Smith (No. 44), Nicole Kid-

man (48), Russell Crowe (49) and

Brad Pitt (50) was their "staving

list based on a whole nostalgic

trip." said Kenny. "To just do a

list where you're going to ignore

"We weren't going to do this

"Another reason why she's so

18. Audrey Hepburn 19. Spencer Tracy

- 20. Sidney Poitier
- 21. Clark Gable
- 22. Judy Garland
- 23 Fred Astaire
- 24. Doris Day 25. Bette Davis
- 26. Errol Flynn
- 27. Gregory Peck
- 28. Tom Hanks
- 29. Warren Beatty 30. James Dean
- 31. Steve McOueen
- 32. Jane Fonda 33. Shirley Temple

contemporary movie stars makes

Twenty-six of the 50 greatest are dead, including In

Berg (5) grid man Greta Garbo James Stewart (9) Henry and Fonda (10).

Besides Cruise and Roberts. New-Paul man (6) is

the only other living actor to make the top 10.

Al Pacino and Robert De Niro finished 37th and 38th, while Den-

35. Harrison Ford

37. Al Pacino 38. Robert De Niro

39. Denzel Washington

40. Elizabeth Taylor 41. Peter Sellers

42. Gary Cooper 43. Clint Eastwood

44. Will Smith

45. Jack Lemmon

46. Meryl Streep

47. Johnny Depp 48. Nicole Kidman

50. Brad Pitt

- KRT

zel Washington was 39th "I think that if you get too hung up on rankings, you're going to miss the enjoyment of the

said Kenny Beverly Dawkins, 56, a receptionist from Queens, thought the

list spot-on. "T love

movies, es-

pecially old movies," Dawkins said "I think it's an excellent list You have all my favorites — but not in the right order.

### Lucas offers peek at final 'Star Wars'

BY DAVID GERMAIN The Associated Press

LAS VEGAS - Two decades ago, George Lucas pulled off the mask to reveal the face of one of cinema's greatest bad guys. Now, he's about to slip the mask back

Lucas offered a preview Thursday of his final "Star Wars" chapter, which spells out the last dark steps the once goodhearted young Anakin Skywalker takes to become the villain Darth Vader.

"It's not like the old 'Star Wars.' " Lucas told theater owners at the Sho-West convention.
"This one's a little bit more emotional. We like to describe it as 'Titanic' in space. It's a tearjerker.

Opening May 19, "Star Wars: Episode III — Revenge of the Sith" brings full circle the mammoth sci-fi saga Lucas began in Wars," which shattered box-office records and remains one of the top-grossing movies ever.

Reaction was mixed on "Episode I — The Phantom Menace" and "Episode II - Attack of the Clones," many fans grousing that the first one was too much a kiddie flick and the second one too sappy a love story. Calling the latest movie a Faustian tragedy. Lucas said he is unconcerned about whether "Revenge of the Sith" draws more barbs from "Star Wars" fans.

"I feel that I've made the movie the best I can and it turned out the way I wanted it to be, so I'm "Lucas, 60, told The Associated Press in an interview. "I never try to anticipate what the world's going to think or even about whether they're

going to like it or not. The film immediately launches into a space battle elaborate even by "Star Wars" standards as Anakin Skywalker (Hayden Chris-tensen) and his Jedi knight mas-Obi-Wan Kenobi (Ewan McGregor), lead a mission to rescue the kidnapped Palpatine, chancellor of the Republic.

The trailer, screened Thurs-

day, sets up the rest of the scenario, with the suspicious Jedi council assigning Anakin to sny on Palpatine after his rescue, while the chancellor — the future evil Emperor of the original trilogy plots to seduce the young knight to the dark side of the Force.



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### IN THE WORLD

# Rice tours military bunker during South Korea visit

BY ANNE GEARAN The Associated Press

SEOUL—From inside a mountainside bunker, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice saw first-hand Saturday what a war with North Korea might look like.

Rice became the most senior American official to tour a command center for U.S. and South Korean troops that would be the battle headquarters in the event of fighting with the communist North.

"I know that you face a close-in threat every day," Rice told troops at Command Post Tango, or Theater Air Naval Ground Operations.

Rice's visit coincided with a

twice-yearly war exercise involving thousands of American and South Korean soldiers. When Rice got a look at the command center, it also was the first time that reporters and cameras were allowed into the bunker south of Seoul.

North Korea denounced the exercises as a rehearsal for a U.S.led pre-emptive attack.

"The Republic of Korea, a great democracy now, faces a threat across the divide of a state that is not democratic, that is not free, and that does not have the best interests of its people at heart." Rice said.

Rice's trip to Asia is intended partly to push North Korea to resume nuclear disarmament talks. She repeatedly has assured North Korea that the United States has no intention of invading.

Still, more than 32,000 U.S. troops are stationed in South Korea, with more at the ready nearby. They are testament to the tension and suspicion between North and South Korea five decades after active hostilities ended in the Korean War.

"In parts of the world, the Cold War has ended and we've been able to [produce] a continent like Europe, that is now whole and free," Rice told commanders and troops. "But of course, divisions remain here in Korea."

In a large underground room that resembled a college lecture hall, Rice received a classified briefing on war preparations. In place of a blackboard, the room



Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice shakes hands with U.S. Forces Korea Deputy Commander Gen. Kim Jang-soo, as USFK Commander Gen. Leon J. LaPorte looks on Saturday at the command control center for the South Korea-II.S. Combined Forces at Songman. South Korea

has a huge computer-driven display screen.

When reporters were brought into the room, the lighted screen showed only the State Department seal where maps or detailed planning data would be. For the military exercise, about 17,000 U.S.-based troops were joining 6,000 soldiers stationed in South Korea.

North Korea contended the exercise was "a maneuver for a nuclear war against the North."

### Mandela hosts AIDS benefit concert in South Africa

BY CLARE NULLIS The Associated Press

GEORGE, South Africa — Former President Nelson Mandela on Saturday hosted his second star-studded concert to raise awareness of the AIDS pandemic that has struck millions across Africa.

Actor Will Smith and musicians Annie Lennox, India.arie and Brian May were among a host of local and international celebrities featured on the lineup for the "46664" concert — named after Mandela's prison number while he was incarcerated for 27 years under apartheid.

This year's event highlighted the plight of women and girls, who are six times more likely to be infected with the AIDS virus than men in South Africa.

"Women don't only bear the burden of

HIV infection, they also bear the burden of HIV care," Mandela said in a statement released on the eve of the concert.

"Grandmothers are looking after children. Women are caring for their dying husbands. Children are looking after dying parents and surviving siblings."

An estimated 5.3 million of South Africa's 45 million people live with HIV, more than in any other country. Between 600 and 1,000 die every day from AIDS related diseases, according to U.N. figures.

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Mandela, who lost his eldest son to the disease earlier this year, said he hopes the event will help raise funds for AIDS charites. "We are facing a tragedy of unprecedented proportions." Mandela said in the

"Our response, therefore, has to be un-



### Lebanon's pro-Syria leader to skip summit

The Associated Press

BEIRUT, Lebanon — Lebanon's pro-Syria president said Saturday that he will not attend an Arab summit due to political turmoil in his country as investigators searched for clues to a car bomb that rocked a largely Christian neighborhood in Beirut, injuring nine people.

President Emile Lahoud did

not elaborate on his decision not to participate in Monday's sum mit in Algeria, but it came as Syria withdraws troops from Lebanon after facing heavy pressure from the United States and fellow Arab countries to end a three decade presence.

The attack devastated an eight-

story apartment building in the largely Christian New Jdeideh neighborhood shortly after midnight Saturday.

Lahoud, a close Syrian ally, made no mention of the attack, saying only in a statement that Lebanon was experiencing "exceptional circumstances" that required "immediate and direct dialogue" between opposition and pro-government groups.

He also offered to host immediate talks between Lebanon's various political factions amid negotiations over the formation of a new government.

Opposition legislator Fares Soeid dismissed the invite, saying: "It's too late. This subject is closed."

### Elbe River expected to flood parts of Dresden

BERLIN — German authorities issued a flood alert Saturday for Dresden, where melting snow was swelling the Elbe River three years after its waters devastated the city's cultural treasures.

Waters were expected to reach a flood plain below the old town's stone ramparts as early as Saturday and the city fire department was put on round-the-clock alert, Saxony state officials said.

Dresden residents were warned that roads and basements in parts of the city would flood Sunday.

From the Associated Press

### Credit reports are free, if you're careful

BY MARY ANN MILBOURN Orange County (Calif.) Register

hen J.J. Singh heard in December that he could get a free credit report, he immediately went online to sign up. Within seconds, the report appeared on his computer screen, ready to download and print out.

"It was excellent," the retired La Palma, Calif., engineer said about the ordering process.

Ed Bushman, a retired radio manager in Irvine, Calif., phoned for his free credit report about the same time as Singh went online and, nearly two months later, he's still waiting to get it.

"They talk a good talk," Bushman said about the three big credit-reporting companies. "But after they got all the publicity, they dropped the ball."

December's launch of free annual credit reports won mixed reviews from consumers, with some applauding the program while others say it has fallen short.

The aim of the program, required by a new federal law, is to let consumers easily check their credit reports for inaccuracies and any evidence of identity theft.

Credit-reporting agencies

Equifax, Experian and TransUnion had a year to put together the joint program, but even with all the advance planning, there were glitches.

Most of the problems occurred the first week, as the first of an estimated 40 million to 50 million consumers in the Western states jammed the Web site.

"The first day we had very heavy volumes with hundreds of thousands of people visiting the site trying to get their report," said John Danaher, president of TrueCredit, a subsidiary of TransUnion that oversees its credit reporting.

About 70 percent of TransUnion's requests for reports come online, with most of the rest coming through a toll-free phone

### Consumers confused as no-cost personal financial info becomes available

number. Just a fraction of the requests are made in writing, Danaher said

In response to the crush of requests, the agencies say they beefed up staffing and now most of their Internet problems, such as online delays and computer crashes, appear to be resolved.

Consumers say phone requests vary from very efficient to totally frustrating, depending on your tolerance for going through an automated menu of questions and the expertise of the customer representative you set.

People who submit written requests report getting either response within 10 days or none at

Jennette Gayer, consumer advocate for the California Public Interest Research Group, a nonpartisan consumer watchdog group, is concerned that the system is unnecessarily complicated.

"If I were to design this, I could think of a hundred ways to make it more consumer-friendly," Gayer said.

For instance, consumers making their request online must reach report individually frommet cach report individually from the cach of the three agencies. The requires going to the official Web site three separate times, typing in your name, address, birth date and Social Security number and Social Security number and Social Security number under time, then selecting one of the three credit agencies and answering additional questions to confirm our identity.

Each agency has different questions and requirements, with some requiring very precise information such as how much your mortgage payment is or the name of your employer in 1985. If your answer is even slightly off, you get rejected.

David Rubinger at Equifax said all the hurdles are for consumers' protection to ensure they are who they say they are before getting access to credit information.

"When you go through the pro-

cess of ordering a credit report online, you need to get authenticated," he said.

Even if you get kicked offline you still can get your report, he said. You just have to order by phone or mail.

Ann Anderson was one of those

who got locked out of the Web site and was told she would have to call or write if she wanted a free copy of her credit information.

Which leads to another complaint — that advertising on each agency's free credit-report Web site may mislead consumers into thinking they must purchase other services — like a credit score — that they don't need to buy if they just want a free report. The law that required the agencies to provide the free reports allowed them to advertise their other services, but it is not always clear on the sites that those extras are optional and in some cases

may be a waste of money.

For instance, you probably
don't need to know your credit
score, sometimes called a FICO

score, unless you're in the market for a new car, house or other major purchase. Gayer and other consumer advocates worry that some consumers may not realize they can decline these services and just get the free report.

"You don't have to pay the \$4 or.
Sf or a PICO score," Gayer said.
Another problem is that many look-alike Web sites can be confused with the official free credit-report site set up by the three credit-reporting agencies. The official site, at www.amunulcredit report.com, is separate from the credit-reporting agencies when the credit-reporting agencies were supply to get their credit information, and other sites with similar names, which may just be trying to cash in on the program or may be fronts for credit fraud.

Hector Gonzalez of Orange, Calif., who works as a courier but does investing online, may have been one of those who was confused about the official Web site.

fused about the official Web site. He went to a site that talked about free credit reports, but it required him to subscribe to a credit-tracking service to get his "free" report. He signed up for the \$70-a-year service.

"I know they were just trying to hook me in." Gonzalez said.

That service allowed him to cancel within a month, which he did, so in the end he didn't have to

Don Girard of Experian said some of these services may be valuable to consumers, but none is required in order to qualify for a free report.

More importantly, he said, consumers need to make sure they are on the right site for their own protection.

"If you receive something in the mail or a telemarketing call or an e-mail, it is probably fraudulent," Girard said. "Security was very important to us when we designed this, so your readers have to go to (the right site), www.annu alcreditreport.com."



### First Command delays deadline of refund claims

BY LEO SHANE III Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — Lawyers handling refunds in the First Command Financial Planning case have extended the deadline for claims until June 30 to accommodate troops serving overseas. Wayne M. Secore, the attorney adminis-

tering the restitution program, said officials may push back that deadline even further if necessary. Originally investors had only until March 15 to recoup their losses. "We want to make sure everyone who is

owed money has an opportunity to collect," Secore said. "We're still having requests coming in, so that's another reason to push back the deadline."

In December, as part of a settlement with federal regulators, First Command In December, as part of a settlement with federal regulators, First Command agreed to refund

about \$4 million in portfolio fees to customers who bought and sold systematic investment funds from the firm between 1999 and 2004.

agreed to refund about \$4 million in portfolio fees to customers who bought and sold systematic investment funds from the firm between 1999 and 2004.

Company officials eliminated those funds late last year, but were already under investigation by the Security and Exchange Commission and the National Association of Securities Dealers for misrepresenting the up-front costs of those investments.

Also in the settlement, First Command paid an SR million fine — to be used by regulators to establish an investment education program for military personnel and agreed to have all advertising approved by an independent consultant for

According to SEC estimates, about 40 percent of current active-duty general officers, about one-third of the commissioned officers, and about 16 percent of

noncommissioned officers are customers of First Command. The firm's client total is just under 300,000, and the majority of its sales agents are retired military offic-

Secore said the decision to extend the deadline even further will depend on the level of response and questions from investors over the next three months, and if more time could result in more customers being helped. A number of troops serving overseas have already contact his office, even more worth have time to inquire about the settlement until they return from deployment.

Investors with additional questions can contact his office at secore@secorewaller.com.Visit http://www.nasd.com/for more information.

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### **Never too late to save for frugal retirement**

Q: I am a 60-year-old computer programmer who has endured some bumpy years.

I have no cash in the bank and no money in retirement funds, which were cashed out along the way. What I do have is debt: credit cards, a mortgage and a small auto payment.

I recently landed a job after a period of unemployment that allows me to start seriously paying off the credit cards, but there is no retirement plan.

I know you have good advice about putting pennies away and over 30 years or so they will become big bucks, but I don't think I will have 30 years. And so my question is: Is it too late for me?

A: If your dream is to buy a fancy yacht and sail the world, then, yes, it's probably too late for you to build a retirement nest egg that would support that lifestyle.

If your dream is simply to retire someday, then it may not be too late, as long as you're willing to make difficult choices.

As a guidebook, pick up a copy of "Your Money or Your Life" by Joe Dominguez and Vicki Robin. This book describes the strategies and lifestyles of people who radically altered their ideas about how much money they need to live. Many retired in their 50s, 40s or even younger or at least switched to part-time work they enjoyed.

These are not folks who drive luxury cars or ski Aspen in the high season. Most

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pendence" movement lack: You soon will have a guaranteed source of income. The annual statement you should be getting each year from the Social Security Administration will show how much you can expect to get each month if you retire at 62, 65 or 70.

If you can ratchet your expenses down to the smallest amount shown (the benefit at age 62), then conceivably you could retire in two years. More likely, you wouldn't want to live on quite that little, and will want a few more working years to pay off your debts, build up your funds and increase your future Social Security benefits.

To get to your goal, you will probably need to make drastic changes in how much you spend now, as well as in retirement. You may need to move to a cheaper area (again, now or in retirement), and you may have to watch your pennies for as long as

That may sound grim, but lots of people live on small, fixed incomes in retirement and still manage to have happy lives.

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Q: I've been working at cleaning up my credit report, but a collection agency keeps changing the date on my oldest debts so they look more recent than they really are.

These debts are all more than seven years old and should have fallen Money Talk off my report by now. But they're still there, depressing my credit score. What can I do?

A: The tactic of changing delinquency dates on old debts is called "re-aging," and it's illegal. One collection agency, NCO Group, was recently fined \$1.5 million for re-aging accounts; that is the largest civil penalty ever obtained under the Fair Credit Reporting Act.

Your first step is to write a let-Liz Pulliam Weston ter to the credit bureaus that are reporting the inaccurate information. Make it clear that the collection agen-

cy has illegally re-aged the accounts and ask that the accounts be deleted from your files. Send this, and all other correspondence about the matter, by certified mail, return receipt requested You'll want to keep a good paper trail.

Unfortunately, the bureaus may make only a cursory check with the collection agency, which will probably insist that the information is accurate. You will then need

to dispute the accounts directly with the collector, pointing out that re-aging is illegal and insisting that the agency provide the correct delinquency dates to the bu-

Debt expert Gerri Detweiler recommends sending copies of your letter to the Federal Trade Commission, your state's attorney general, your U.S. senators and congressional representative and the Better Business Bureau in the city where the collection agency is located.

The collection agency "may decide they don't want any more trouble and resolve it for her," said Detweiler, founder of Stop-DebtCollectorsCold.com. "If not, she will need an attorney.' It would be nice if you could solve the problem by paying the old debt. But that

probably would make matters worse hecause the payment would make the delinquencies look even more recent to the FICO credit scoring formula that most lenders use.

Besides, a collection agency shouldn't be rewarded for using such sleazy and illegal

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### EXCHANGE RATES

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British pound (March 21)	\$1.9
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Hong Kong (Dollar)	7.798
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### ents and Sensibility Money tip of the day

### Job outlook optimistic

SAN FRANCISCO - Wondering what hiring will look like in the second quarter? Expect more of the same cautious ontimism, according to the latest Manpower Employment Outlook survey.

Twenty-one percent of employers plan to hire in the second quarter, the same percentage as planned to hire in the first quarter, and about equal to the 20 percent who planned to hire in the year-ago survey.

Manpower's seasonally adjusted net employment numbers measure the percentage of firms planning to hire minus those intending layoffs. It does not measure the number of jobs. Manpower surveys about 16,000 U.S. companies on their hiring plans each quarter.

"The message that is loud and clear is that employers are signaling their intention to continue hiring at the same pace in the second quarter 2005 as they demonstrated in the first quarter of 2005," said Barbara Beck, Manpower's executive vice president for the North America re-

For the past five quarters, including the upcoming second quarter, the net hiring outlook has ranged from 20 percent to 21 percent

Still, while employers are hiring, they're a bit more prudent than in years past. "They are willing to hire when someone on their team can

prove to them they need to hire, as opposed to speculating and hiring to anticipated demand,' Beck said. "It truly has become more of a fact-based exercise.'

Job seekers eyeing recent employment data may be a bit con-

The labor market created about 262,000 new jobs in February, the largest monthly in-crease since October, according

to the U.S. Labor Department. At the same time, the unem-

ployment rate rose to 5.4 percent last month from 5.2 percent in January.



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#### Remember 'muzzle awareness'

What ever happened to "muzzle awareness," the mantra chanted by my drill sergeants, and repeated in mobilization training prior to my Iraq deployment?

I hear it even now, in Iraq, where I see it completely disregarded a hundred times a day. The main culprits — 9 mms. Those carrying 9 mms seem to prefer to purchase their own over-the-shoulder holsters, as opposed to the issued belt or leg holsters.

The problem arises when we are forced to look straight down the barrel while walking behind someone who is wearing a holster that points the weapon to the rear instead of down. Maybe these holsters are more comfortable. Maybe people think the 9 mm is less dangerous than an M16 because it is so much smaller. But the fact is, a negligent discharge from any weapon can be deadly.

It's time everyone realizes that this lack of attention to detail can cost us lives unnecessarily

Spc. Raymond Conger Forward Operating Base Speicher, Iraq

### Looking pretty in uniform?

Did Stripes want to anger the Army's females when it published "Female GIs, complete the look" (letter, March 10)? Because it worked

When the letter writer wrote that I should let my God-given beauty show. I do not think she has the ability to see into my mind or heart, because that is what a person would have to do to see my God-given beauty.

And as far as looking worse than other branches, I would hope that means I look like I work harder, because I am sure I do sometimes. Not every woman in a desert camouflage uniform is going to look refreshed or, as the letter writer asks of us, look like she has completed the look. But what every woman does look like is a soldier.

Perception is reality. That is an unofficial Army motto. So, when I look around and see a female who took the time to put on earrings with her DCUs, it is my per-

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ception that the female does not think that, at any time, what has been a routine deployment could turn into a dangerous situation or, God forbid, deadly

So, forgive me, Army, if I am not doing more than making sure I am clean and well-groomed, but keeping myself combat-ready instead of "parade pretty takes precedence."

I know who I am without waking up five or 10 minutes early; to do what, is the question — put on eyeshadow? I am a soldier in the United States Army. That keeps me holding my head high and gives me validation and that makes me beautiful

Snc. Amy Brown

### Logistics Support Area Anaconda, Iraq Attitude completes the look

In response to "Female GIs, complete the look" (letter, March 10), I think the author missed the point. Her implication was that a few moments in front of a mirror would prevent military females from looking "so beat down."

Sorry to disagree, but looking good and feeling good for anyone, male or female, can be a matter of attitude. If you think you are good, you will be good, you will feel good and you will look good. Nothing

is more contagious than a smile and a friendly greeting from someone who is exuding a positive appearance.

Good personal hygiene, a pleasant attitude and a confident demeanor will not only improve your own performance, but will inspire all those around you to be their best. People always want to be around those who are positive, cheerful and confident because they are the "fun people." Confidence is indispensable for both personal and professional success. As the actor Jack Palance once said in a TV commercial: "Confidence is so sexy."

Clifton Jester

Kadena Air Base, Okinawa

### Be proud of support jobs

In response to "Let women train for infantry" (letter, March 15): Why, in this day and age, has there become such a need for this equality?

In all the other major conflicts this country has endured, at no time was a need mentioned for females to pick up their arms and fight battles alongside males. It was deemed OK for males to do the killing and for the males, and males alone, to do the dying. Understood that females play a much larger role in wartime than in the past but, if memory serves, females did not rise up in anger when no one asked if they wanted to fight, even during the Persian Gulf War.

It seems as if every female soldier who has been on something as simple as a convoy down a main support route feels she is doing the same job as the infantry, and should be recognized as such.

They are not infantry, nor does their mission entitle them to call themselves infantry.

We applaud those females who have engaged the enemy and fought with vigor and valor, but that is not an everyday occurrence with their job. They should leave the killing to the killers; be proud of the support they give. It is hard for many to see how females as a whole would be willing, or able, to continuously have that "killer instinct" required to be an infantry soldier.

> Staff Sgt. Patrick Hernandez Spc. Jorge Duarte





















### OPINION

### What newspapers are saying at home

The following editorial excerpts are selected from a cross section of newspapers throughout the United States. The editorials are provided by The Associated Press and other stateside syndicates

#### Greenspan right on debt's ills The Buffalo (N.Y.) News

Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan's warning that ballooning federal deficits are "unsustainable" should be a much-needed splash of cold water for a White House that too often puts ideology before fiscal reality.

Greenspan thinks the problem demands spending cuts and a reassessment of efforts to cut taxes. The Bush administration and congressional Republicans think he's only half right. They ought to be listening with both ears

The deficit problem is driven more by Medicare than Social Security. The federal government has passed huge entitlement increases, primarily a Medicare prescription drug benefit, at the same time it has cut its own revenue by "temporary" tax cuts that the White House still wants to make permanent. Anyone who prepares a household budget knows what happens when you increase expenses while lossing income. ...

Regardless of what Vice President (Dick) Cheney thinks, deficits do matter. They pay for current needs by mortgaging the country's future. But those bills eventually come due. Greenspan is right to worry that ever-increasing debt, plus ever-increasing interest costs on that debt, could mean disaster when that debt collides with increasing baby boomer Medicare and Social Security obligations, let alone the costs of war.

#### Shedding light on secrecy The News Tribune, Tacoma, Wash.

Self-preservation is human nature, and so it is not surprising when someone tries to hide a potentially embarrassing or compromising bit of information about himself. That instinct leads some government officials to keep their dealings secret. Problem is, the information they want to keep under wraps isn't primarily about them. It's about

That's the aim of public disclosure laws to make sure private citizens can get at the information that affects their daily lives, whether they know it or not....

Sunshine Week, an effort spearheaded by the American Society of Newspaper Editors, is intended to highlight the importance of public disclosure laws and to call attention to their erosion.

[The journalists' fight against government secrecy is the public's fight; reporters and editors just are the first to notice encroachments on the public's right to know.

The fight will never end because government will always be a human endeavor. The people we put in charge need constant reminders that they avoid embarrassment at the public's peril and, eventually, their own. It's not about them. It's about us.

#### U.N. has issues with Bolton Chicago Tribune

Since the start of his second term, President Bush has sent repeated messages that when he talks about aggressively spreading freedom and democracy, he means what he says. This month's reiteration comes via the president's nomination of serial truth-teller John Bolton as U.S. ambassador to the United Nations.

If the Senate confirms the appointment, Bush will have aimed a tidal wave of energy and candor at the snoozy U.N. complex on New York City's East River: This promises to be a rude awakening for a body too often consumed by such weighty issues as where in Manhattan diplomats can park free, and



who'll be air-kissing whom at tonight's recep-

For too long, the U.N. has been reluctant to offend powerful exploiters in its midst. In Darfur, for example, the determination of China to buy Sudanese oil and of Russia to sell Sudan weapons has blocked any real effort to half mass murder.

U.N. delegates need to hear more confrontational talk about the organization's failings and also about nuclear proliferation, an area in which Bolton is expert. And if a tidal wave on the East River breaks some cobwebbed windows, good.

#### Society must protect judges The Cincinnati Enquirer

A defendant in Atlanta wrests a gun from a deputy and kills a judge in his courtroom. A disappointed litigant murders the husband and mother of a judge in Chicago and has a list of other judicial targets when he kills himself as police approach. A disturbed woman sends threatening letters to a federal judge in Cincinnati. These recent stories from America's courtrooms are just a fraction of the risks our judges face daily.

These high-profile cases also highlight the need for ever more vigilant security and a very small tolerance for those who attack all of us by attacking the judicial system...

Protecting judges, particularly on the federal level, poses many challenges, not the least of which is cost. But against the backdrop of these recent tragedies, now is the time to reassess the security of our courts and those who dispense justice within them.

#### Be flexible on Social Security The Commercial Appeal, Memphis, Tenn.

Whether you love him or hate him, at least a few of President Bush's words about Social Security should ring true. "My call to people from both political par-

"My can to people from both pointcap parties is: Now is the time to put aside our political differences and focus on solving this problem for generations to come," Bush said during a [recent] appearance in Memphis. "All ideas should be on the table."

From the way Bush was talking, it sounded as if even his idea to create private accounts — the controversial centerpiece of his reform plan — is open for debate.

That's a good thing, since a poll conducted by The Associated Press indicates that only 37 percent of Americans agree with his approach to fixing Social Security. Aside from a few hecklers who were escorted out of the Cannon Center for the Performing Arts, the (Memphis) crowd was pretty respectful. However, the protesters outside reflected our country's deep division on this issue.

Yet if our president is really willing to be flexible and consider new ideas, the rest of us should be, too.

#### Oceans elect to avoid runoff The Times-Picayune, New Orleans

Anyone who lives in Louisiana is familiar with this scenario: runoff from farmland drains into the Gulf and triggers a massive bloom of algae that sucks oxygen out of the water as it dies and decomposes.

In this case, though, the phenomenon being described isn't the Gulf of Mexico dead zone that forms off the coast of Louisits and and Texas every summer. Instead, it's what happens in the Gulf of California—also called the Sea of Cortez—after irrigation in the Yaqui River Valley.

Researchers at Stafford University who

Researchers at Stanford University who analyzed satellite photographs were able to show a direct connection between irrigation and algae blooms....

The study reveals how vulnerable our oceans really are, and it should strengthen the argument for changes in farming practic-

Stanford researchers warn that dead zones could damage the shrimp and shelf ish industry and hurt other marine life in the Gulf of California. The potential is there for loss of similar resources in other parts of the world, including our own.

### No idiots in the jury box Los Angeles Times

Last summer, we questioned former Emon Chairman Kenneth L. Lay's decision to set ignorance as the cornerstone of his legal defense against charges that he helped to orchestrate the massive accounting fraud that sank his company, destroyed investors' wealth and cost thousands of employees wealth and cost thousands of employees rors would buy into a powerful executive's claim to be incompetent. Apparently, lawyers don't always heed

Apparently, lawyers don't always need newspaper editorials. Defense teams for former WorldCom Chief Executive Bernard J. Ebbers and former HealthSouth CEO Richard M. Scrushy also signed on to the "idiot defense," claiming that their clients' subordinates had pulled off the sham accounting on their own while the bosses were busy with more important things.

Early returns suggest that jurors aren't buying it. On Tuesday, a New York jury determined that Ebbers was guilty of all nine criminal counts of securities fraud, conspiracy and lying to regulators in orchestrating the largest accounting fraud in U.S. corporate history.

The total breakdown of Ebbers' lidot defense should seen a powerful message to Scrushy and Lay. Scrushy, the first corporate executive to be tried under provisions of the federal Sarbanes-Oxley Act, sparked by Enron's fallure, is pressing on with the "I knew nothing" defense in a Birmingham. Ala, courtroom. Lay, who will go on trial Ala, courtroom. Lay, who will go on trial control of the provision of the provision of the thing the provision of the provision of the provision of the His lawvers had best scramble for a Plan

Ignorance may be bliss in some quarters, but not in the executive suite

#### Push on to limit junk-food ads St. Louis Post-Dispatch

Parents have a responsibility to prevent their children from becoming overveight. But what can they do about those out that saturate the airwaves on Saturday normings, exhorting lids to fill up on sugary cereal, drinks, candy and chips? They could urn off the TV. They could model healthy esting habits by resisting their own junk-food urges. And they can pressure government agencies to regulate the way junk food is hyped to kids.

Last Iai, the institute of well-carrier, part of the National Academy of Sciences, urged that a conference be convened to develop strict government guidelines for food marketing to children. Instead, the U.S. Department Of Health urged voluntary action by industry. ...

Groups ranging from the American Academy of Pediatrics to the World Health Organization have called for restrictions on the marketing of junk food to children. The food industry can't pretend it doesn't know how effective its marketing efforts have been. ...

It's in every taxpayer's interest to combat the predatory marketing practices of junk-food makers with the same vigor, if not the same tools, used to end the predatory marketing practices of the tobacco industry. If they can get Joe Camel fired, who knows? The Trix bunny rabbit may be next. PAGE 22 · STARS AND S

### Alligator kills man

FL LAKELAND — A man found dead in a pond was the victim of a nearly nine-foot alligator that was captured and killed, the medical examiner's office said.

er's office said.
Officials did not know
what Don Owen, 56, a
truck driver from Bartow, was doing at the
pond about a dozen
miles from his

home. He had been missing several days and was last seen at a con-

His remains were found by several men fishing in Six Pound Pond. An autopsy determined he had been killed by the eight-foot, nine-inch alligator, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission said.

Trappers caught the alligator Monday. Owen's forearm was found in its stomach.

### Crossword champ

STAMFORD — The bookish world of crossword puzzle aficionados has a fresh-faced new champion.

College student Tyler Hinman, 20, beat out more than 450 competitors from across the country to win top honors at the American Crossword Puzzle Tournament.

He's now the youngest champion in the 28-year-history of the tournament. He said he will spend his \$4,000 prize money on tuition.

"I can't even celebrate," said Himman, wearing jeans, a T-shirt, and a baseball cap marked with the insignia of his fratemity at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, N.Y. "I'm not old enough to go to a pub and drink myself stupid."

It was a close win: a 46-year-old engineer named Al Sanders from Fort Collins, Colo., finished the same puzzle first, but missed the answer "Zolaesque" for the clue "stark and richly detailed, as writing."

#### Freeway shooting kills 3

DALLAS — A man squeezed through the sunroof of a Jaguar and opened fire 
with an automatic assault rifle on 
another moving vehicle, killing 
three men and critically wounding 
a fourth, police said.

Authorities were searching for

Authorities were searching for the guiman and two others, including a woman, who may have been riding in the light-colored, late model Jaguar with fancy wheels, according to Dallas and University Park police.

A police officer waiting at a traffic light at the intersection witnessed the shootings and stopped to help when the second car crashed, Dallas police Sgt. Gil Cerda said Police policy prohibited the officer from pursuing the fleeing vehicle because he already had a prisoner from an unrelated case in his back seat.

### Cow-smuggling case

NY SYRACUSE — Federal authorities have charged two men with smuggling banned Canadian cattle into the United States.

A federal grand jury indictment accused Louis R. Jacobs, of Snye, Quebec, and Andrew J. Derouchie, of Fort Covington, of bringing six cows into the United States last Aug. 25, U.S. Attorney Glenn



### Suddaby said.

The importation of cattle and cattle products has been prohibited by federal regulation since May 2003 because of concern over bovine spongiform encephalopathy, commonly called mad cow disease. The federal government took the action after the discovery of a single infected cow from a commercial farm in northern Alberta, Canada

ROUNDUP

### **Historic building burns**

AR LITTLE ROCK—A fire destroyed the former headquarters of a major black social organization, which was to be remodeled into a museum on African-American life.

The fire began at about 2 a.m., eventually leading to the three-story building's collapse. The cause of the fire was not immediately determined. Some nearby buildings had minor damage.

Built in 1911, the building was the national headquarters for the Mosaic Templars, which had chapters in 26 states as well as six foreign countries.

### Abortion law on hold

LANSING — A new state law that bans a procedure critics call partial-birth abortion will not take effect this month so that the state has more time to respond to a federal lawsuit challenging the statute.

Under an agreement reached by Attorney General Mike Cox and



I'll just watch

Jackson Crandall, 2, watches through a living room window as his dad, Matt, removes snow from the sidewalk in front of their house in Sioux Falls, S.D. three groups that filed suit, the abortion law was put on hold until June 15. It was scheduled to take effect March 30.

U.S. District Judge Denise Page Hood approved the temporary restraining order Monday.

order Monday.

Cox spokeswoman Allison
Pierce said the state needed
more time to respond to the
suit, which was filed March 1.

#### Suspect naps in car

MA QUINCY — It's never good to fall asleep on the job, but when you're a robber, the consequences can be severe.

Quincy police arrived at a CVS pharmacy early in the morning to find Steven Jakaitis, 42, sleeping in his idling car with a nylon stocking over his head and a cap pistol in his pocket.

By his side was a note that read:
"I have a Gun DO NOT Press any
Alarms or let Custermors [sic]
know Empty the All the register."

A customer called police after seeing Jakaitis, who was also wearing a black wig and a searf. On the back seat of his car, officers found a plastic bag containing 36 unused hypodermic needles. He spoke incoherently after the officers woke him, Capt. Anthony DiBona said. He never actually went into the

store, police said.

### Inmate powwows get OK

LINCOLN — Nebraska's American Indian inmates can have powwows, meet with medicine men and use a tobacco substitute during religious ceremonies under a federal court settlement.

The settlement, reached between the inmates and prison state officials last year, was approved by U.S. District Judge Warren Urbom.

The settlement grew from a complaint filed on behalf of some 200 American Indian inmates by Richard T. Walker, an Indian sentenced to life in prison in 1966 for murder.

Under the agreement, American Indian inmates can have two powwows a year and use traditional foods such as fry bread, corn and "berry dish" in their ceremonies.

#### Moms ordered to school

WW MOUNDSVILLE—A magistrate has ordered two mothers to attend school with their children who had too many unexcused absences.

Jennifer LaShare's 15-year-old son has missed school 34 days without an excuse. The boy was defiant in a hearing Thursday, saying he was going to leave school for good when he turns 16 in May.

April Wood's 13-year-old son also has had 34 unexcused absenc-

Wood said she has no transportation and her son has been kicked off the bus for smoking a cigarette. "I'm not going to walk on the highway with my son" to school,

Wood said.
Anderson also ordered Wood to attend school. Marshall County Assistant Prosecuting Attorney C. Richard Wilson said the school system might be asked to allow the boy to ride the bus with his moth-



Getting some exercise Jenna Moodie, 9 from Weston, dog, Whoopie, an Irish water spaniel, in the large-dog section of a new dog park at Markham Park in Sunrise, Fla.



Battling the blaze Afrefighter looks into the sky at billowing smoke as he and others battle a blaze at a recycling business in Vinton, Texas.

er.



A long way down Phillip Boitano, a sophomore at Cardinal Newman High School, practices his dives at the Santa Rosa Junior College pool in Santa Rosa, Calif., as clouds from a late-winter weather front more in to norther



Car pool Rob Barella and Adam Young of Powder Mill Towing, along with Parsippany (N.J.) Police officers David Cavaliere and Joseph Chmura, work to get a car out of a pool in Parsippany. The red Buick, which was parked at the Worcoc gas station on Parsippany Road, slid down a hill behind the gas station and landed in a homeowner's pool. No one was injured.



Over the river and through the woods Snow covers the 1916 Newport covered bridge over Sinking Creek off Route 601 in Clover Hollow, near Newport, Va.

#### ■ Drunk announcement

MN MOORHEAD — Having a vanity plate that reads "TIPSY" may not be such a great idea after all.

Josiah Johnson, 23, said his license plate might have tipped off the Clay County sheriff's deputy who pulled him over Friday after he left Coach's Sports Pub in Moorhead.

Now he faces third-degree

Now he faces third-degree drunken driving charges after his blood-alcohol level allegedly registered twice the legal limit.

Johnson said he bought the per-

Joinson said ne bodgat the personalized license plate for his Jeep to describe the way it rode — then kept it as a joke when he got a Chevy Silverado because he likes to party.

### High price for speeding

OCCOQUAN — Floor it along a stretch of Interstate 95 and you may really regret it. Starting Friday, motorists who drive recklessly in the area between Occoquan and Quantico face fines of up to \$2,500. Those caught speeding will see their fines dubled.

The high number of traffic fatalities along the 11-mile stretch in Prince William County has prompted the state to designate it a Highway Safety Corridor.

Police unveiled new black and white warning signs Tuesday that mark the area and warn drivers about the extra fines.

#### No Brotherly Love

PA PHILADELPHIA — Twenty-one slayings in eight days have authorities begging the public for help identifying the killers.

As of Tuesday morning, the homicide toll in Philadelphia stood at 76 so far this year, up from 66 at the same point last year, police said.

District Attorney Lynne M. Abraham on Monday vowed that her office would protect witnesses, even if it meant sending a moving van to their homes to take them to safety.

"We cannot only move you out of the city, we can move you out of the state; we can move you across the country," Abraham said.

Police have been on a campaign to persuade residents to cooperate with them since last year's death of a 10-year-old boy who was hit by a stray bullet during a shootout outside his school.

#### Girl Scouts robbed

OH COLUMBUS, Ohio — A group of Girl Scouts had a very unhappy encounter with a Cookie Monster.
The girls stood in disbelief as a

man came to their cookie booth at a supermarket and ran off with an envelope containing \$320. One of the five girls from Troop

4180 had recommended a box of Thin Mints when the man reached into the cash drawer and grabbed the envelope. An adult with the girls chased the thief but couldn't catch him.

The girls were working their stand inside a Kroger store about 2:30 p.m. Saturday when the man came by and said he'd never bought Girl Scout cookies. He handed one of the girls \$3, then said he wanted a second box but only gave her \$2 more.

When the girl pointed it out, the

man snatched the envelope.

Smith said the money would

have paid for the girls to go to summer camp. Kroger employees took up a \$25 collection, but Smith said the girls won't sell from a booth anymore.

#### Crane experiment

TAMPA — An experimental flock of whooping cranes has lost one of its youngest members to a Florida bobcat, but could be on the verge of producing chicks in the wild for the first time.

Six older cranes in the five-year effort to establish a migratory flock of the endangered birds between Wisconsin and Florida have formed into pairs and are being monitored closely for signs of nestring and breeding behavior, according to Operation Migration, the nonprofit group that has helped coordinate the project.

A Web undate on the flock nost-

A Web update on the flock posted by Heather Ray, the group's director of operations, said a bobcat killed one of the cranes that were raised in Wisconsin last year just as some of the other cranes have been beginning their flight north.

### Woman dies at 110

BURLINGTON — Carolyn Eddy Drew, probably the oldest woman in Vermont, has died at the age of 110.

Drew worked at the Basin Harbor Club before World War I and married in 1917. On her 110th birthday in August, she dined on lobster.

Drew did not dwell much on her longevity, said her son, John Eddy. She spent little time reminiscing about the past or making much of a fuss about anything. Drew was born on Aug. 26, 1894, in North Elba N.Y.

#### Who's child is it?

HOUSTON — A judge has ordered genetic tests to determine whether a woman's 2-year-old daughter was fathered by one of her teenage students.

Lisa Zuniga has admitted to having a sexual relationship with a 13-year-old boy who was a student at Victory Academy in Pasadena, where she worked as a teacher's aide.

The boy, who is now 16, and his mother are suing for custody of the toddler.

Zuniga, now 29, pleaded guilty to aggravated sexual assault of a child in January 2003 and was sentenced to deferred adjudication and 10 years' probation.

No paternity test was performed after the girl was born on Feb. 7, 2003, because of Zuniga's plea.

#### Booby-trapped trail

NH LYNDEBOROUGH — A teenage boy has been charged with booby-trapping a snowmobile trail last weekend by stringing fishing line across the trail at head height.

The youngster is charged with reckless conduct, but his mother said the incident has been blown out of proportion.

Sgt. H. Michael Geha said the charge would have been harsher, but no one was hurt. He said the youth's motivation seemed to be to cause trouble and did not seem to reflect problems with snowmobilers.

Stories and photos from wire services

### **Sunday Horoscope**

**Holiday Mathis** 

The week starts with the spring equinox, a celebration of nature's renewal and rebirth. The solar journey into Aries brings the day and night into perfect balance. Then, light overtakes the darkness little by little as each day progresses. Feminien and mascur.

es. Feminine and masculine energy find equilibrium, too, and men and women enjoy mutual

### TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 20). You will it.

you become it. You and you become it. You and you become it. You and you make you will be to make you will be to make you a well of confidence to draw from. Your property you a well of confidence to draw from. Your property increases in value in June. Vacation with a sweetheart in August. Singles are introducing someone to the folks in the early summer. Sagittarius and Taruus are love.

### ARIES (March 21-April 19). Whatever your age, you feel a part of a new generation — fresh, full of ideas, and free of the cynicism that encumbers others. Friends remind

ideas, and free of the cynicism that encumbers others. Friends remind you why you chose them in the first place.

#### TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Acknowledge those close to you,

even if it seems unnecessary.

Don't make the mistake of believing that a relationship, once established, will always be there even if you neglect it.

#### GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Love is the last thing on your mind.

But bring it to the front. Consider that romance needs equal parts breathing room and attentiveness. Too much of one or the other knocks the relationship off balance.

### CANCER (June 22-July 22).

So much of what happens in your romantic situation is happening on an unconscious level. Sensitize yourself to subtleties that will clue you in to how to please your partner.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). It's a brave day — you're not afraid of being the "bad guy." Your boundaries and expectations are very clear now. You know what you

need and can accurately assess who is able and willing to give that to you.

### VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You are a complex creature. You can't expect everyone to understand you on every level, and

some people may never "get" you. But that one kindred soul will be your rock. Trust the relation-

### LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct.

23). You've had your doubts about your neighborhood lately, but when you go beyond the riffraff there is a vibrant community out there, worthy of your active participation.

### Get involved. SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're too busy creating the life

You're too busy creating the life you want to notice that someone else is pining away for you. There is romantic potential there. Still, be sure to see people for who they are and not for who you want them to be.

#### SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec.

21). Projects are challenging.
Don't worry about being correct so much as being passionate and committed. Strengthen your faith.
All magic springs from your connection with the universal source.

#### CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan.

19). That all-consuming event or person in your life could take over if you're not careful. Don't forget your routines, your habits, your friends and the things you do to take care of your mind, body and spirit life still immortant.

### AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).

You don't have a need for big drama, but someone close to you does. So when the "passion play" starts, view it with a sense of detached humor. Don't get sucked in.

### PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You're trying to compromise, be compassionate and of course, be

compassionate and, of course, be tolerant. However, certain people can't help but push you to the limit — it's their nature. If it crosses your boundaries or hurts your feelings, just say "no way!"

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### Caring for demanding mother and rest of family too taxing

Dear Abby: My mother is 80

and still lives by herself. She has had three strokes in the last two years, and her memory is very bad. She is also very stubborn and belligerent. She really belongs in an assisted-liv-

ing facility; however, she refuses to go to one. She says she'll kill herself first.

I manage Mama's finances. I also make her doctor's appointments, transport her there, take her to the pharmacy, the grocery store, etc. I do all Mama's driving because she can't leave the block she lives on without

getting lost.

Mother depends on me for everything, and she hates my husband of 18 years, who treats us both like gold. She would never admit it, but she hates him because he's physically disabled and it keeps me from giving her

all my time and attention.

Mama tries to make me feel guilty by acting like she's completely helpless. There are a lot of things she could do for herself, but she refuses. I'm always stressed out over her, on top of the load I'm carrying with my husband and daughter. Have you any suggestions?

— Stressed to the Max in Tulsa

Dear Stressed: You are a con-

scientious, dutful daughter.
However, people can spread
themselves only so thin without it
beginning to affect their health.
If your mother's reasoning had
not been already affected by
strokes and dementia, she would

Dear Abby

es and dementia, she would realize that fact. The time has come to call her doctor and discuss what alternatives might be available in caring for her. Assisted living would be ideal, but only If it would be too it. If it would be too to the care of the care

### Dear Abby: I was in

a serious car accident back in 1986 and have been living with the facial scars ever since.

I hate the way I look and would like to see if a doctor can improve my appearance. The problem is, my husband doesn't want me to talk to a doctor.

Yes, I had the scars when I met my husband 15 years ago. I have lived with the deformities for a very long time. But not a day goes by that I don't think about how I could look if I had surgery to improve my appearance.

I don't know if my insurance would cover the costs of surgery, but when it comes to my husband "needing" a boat, Jeep or snowmobile — or whatever suits his fancy at the time — money is never a problem.

I have money from the car I have money from the car the car was the car were any costs for the surgery, it wouldn't have to come out of my husband's paycheck. I cannot express to you how bad I feel about myself, but my husband does know. Do you think I should see a doctor to find out if surgery is an option for me, or should I just think about improving my appearance?

#### — Scarred and Confused in Philadelphia Dear Scarred: By all means

consult a plastic surgeon. You deserve to be the best that you can be. However, when you do, please understand that it could change the dynamics of vour relationship with your husband. It appears that he has a vested interest in keeping you just as you are, and the reason may be that he is afraid he will lose you if you look different. Some sessions with a marriage counselor might put his fears to rest. Much depends upon his own level of self-esteem. Letters for this column - with you

name and phone number — should be addressed to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles CA 90069. Readers can write to Abby on the Internet at http://www.uexpress.com/dearabby/ Universal Press Syndicate

### Sudden snoring could be bad for woman's health, family life

Dear Annie: My wife.

"Sarah," and I had a wonderful life together and were very happy until she started snoring. I know it sounds crazy, but this has changed our lives.

Sarah's snoring means she can't sleep through the night, and she's irritable in the morning. This loving, Annie's Mailbox

caring woman is now too tired for her usual daily routine.

She used to be full of life, but now she gets

She used to be full of life, but now she gets sleepy in the afternoons and doesn't have enough energy to pick up the kids from school or attend their after-school

Her snoring affects
me as much as it does
her. The noise keeps me up, and

her. The noise keeps me up, and I, too, am not getting a full night's rest. I've started snapping at the kids and feel run-down all the time. Sarah and I have gone from having a wonderful, intimate sex life to sleeping in separate rooms, on opposite sides of the house.

I've spoken to her about seeing a doctor, but she's convinced her snoring is minor and thinks I should be able to live with it, like she does. She says she can't do anything about it.

I've read information from the

National Sleep Foundation (sleepfoundation.org) that says snoring can be a symptom of more serious problems, including sleep apnea, which can be dangerous and even life-threatening if not treated.

How do I convince Sarah that she needs help?

#### — Sleeping Beauty's Husband

Dear Husband: You are right to be concerned. With one concerned, with one concerned with the concerned con

pletely awake. Insist that she talk to her doctor, or you will call the doctor's office your-self and pass along the information for her next checkup. If she won't do it for herself, ask her to diffor the well-being of your marriage and for your children.

Dear Annie: I read the letter from the parole officer who advised a woman to protect her granddaughter who was writing to immates. Please continue to print letters on that theme, along with solid advice from experts who know the score.

I knew a nice, single woman who began exchanging letters with an immate. Notice the use of the past tense. This woman thought she was being kind and helpful, and over a couple of years, a friendship developed. She eventually began to drive to the prison to visit. The prisoner was charming and very upfront about his past. They fell in love. A year later, he was released, and she invited him to stay at her home.

She believed they would marry. Instead, she went through a brief and brutal period of abuse that ended in her death.

Please tell your readers who want to help these lonely men to work only through a strictly organized, well-established group, and never, ever, give out personal information.

### — A California Reader

Dear California: You may have saved a life by sharing your horrifying story and warning our readers about the dangers of corresponding with inmates. Thank you.

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### Chic is not always stylish

Dear Editor: I read that "chic" originally meant something different in French than it means now, and that the current French meaning was first used in English and then adopted as the French meaning too.

How and why did this happen? What was the original French meaning?

— F.P., Enfield, Conn.

Dear F.P.: The word "chic" has been used in French with a wide range of meanings since the late 18th century.

As a noun referring to a paint-

er's technique, it often had a pejorative nuance and meant "facility bordering on the shallow." As an adjective, it meant "stylish," and this is the sense that was borrowed into English in the middle of the 19th century.

It is conceivable that the English use may have helped to reinforce the meaning "stylish" for the word as used in French and to hasten the demise of the old painter's sense.

But we did not invent the meaning "stylish," and the French did not have to borrow it from us.

editors of Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary, Tenth Edition. Readers may send questions to Merriam-Webster's Wordwatch, P.O. Box 281, 47 Federal St., Springfield, Mass. 01102.

### **RELIGION**

### Group works to save church ruins Nuns seek sainthood

### Effort focuses on Texas' Mission del Sagrado Corazon

BY MICHAEL GRACZYK The Associated Press

RUIDOSA, Texas - Time, neglect and the unforgiving desert are threatening to devour a nearly century-old piece of Texas history. The Mission del Sagrado Corazon, the Sacred Heart Mission, is crumbling in remote desolation along the Rio Grande

The deterioration accelerates each time a rainstorm sweeps across the normally parched region, washing away mud bricks used to make the building. Historical groups are rallying to save the abandoned Catholic church, where services last were held decades ago.

"It's been getting worse and worse," Larry Oaks, executive director of the Texas Historical Commission. "At this stage of the game, probably a third of the building has literally melted into the landscape."

One of the two towers that flanked the entrance of the church is gone, toppled after a storm several years ago. What's left resembles a giant anthill.

The distinctive arches — believed to be the largest round-structural adobe arches left in Texas - are still erect, the biggest rising about 18 feet above the weed-covered dirt floor.

"It's just a grand and sort of monumental structure," Oaks said. The big question is can it stand without help. It's also unclear if help that's on the way

will arrive in time. "It's getting real close," says Pat Taylor, a Mesilla, N.M.-based adobe restoration specialist who has examined the church and has been advising officials. "There's a lot of water that's getting in and washing down the walls. It's definitely in trouble."

The \$44,000 raised so far is about three-fourths of the estimated cost for emer-



The Mission del Sagrado Corazon, in Ruidosa, Texas, stands in ruins along Texas State Highway 170. The church once had twin towers, but only one remains. The pile of mud debris from the collapsed tower can still be seen in front of the church.

gency work to stabilize the structure. Taylor said. The bulk of the money, however, is from a Texas Historical Commission grant that requires a local effort match the state funds. The commission speculates it could cost another \$250,000 to fully restore the mission as a tourist destination

Many bricks on the arches are exposed, showing the skeletal work of the adobe masons who used round flat rocks as spacers to create the arches of sand and straw bricks when they built the church, around 1915.

"That building is really quite amazing," said Darlene Jamar, of Marfa, who has researched the history of the church. "It was built by volunteer labor by the people that lived there at the time. They cared that much. It was really a project of love

At the time when the mission was built. farmers scraped out a living with the help of water from the Rio Grande. U.S. Army troops were stationed here as part of a border buildup during the Mexican Revolution. The remnants of the old outpost are nearby.

The church appears suddenly at the top of a rise and around a curve on Texas Farm Road 170, which parallels the winding Rio Grande The Chinati Mountains lie to the east and the Sierra Madre towers from the west in Mexico El Paso is 250 miles to the northwest.

Rusty Hill, 45, who runs the general store with his mother, said the restoration would be a boon to the community. "If everybody who came by to say a prayer and light a candle also stopped by and bought a Coke, it wouldn't hurt our business," he said.

It already attracts visitors. Celia Hill has a guest book in the store, and customers leave a pin on her world map if they're the first from their city or country to stop by.
"It's a great structure," Taylor said. "I work
on these types of structures all the time and I

never take them for granted. These structures represent a history, a time period, a people.

"And when a structure like this is lost, it's

pretty much lost forever.

Donations may be made to the Ruidosa Mission Project, Presidio County Courthouse, P.O. Box 606, Marfa, Texas 79843

### for lepers' savior

BY WILLIAM KATES The Associated Press

SYRACUSE, N.Y. - The Sisters of St. Francis are waiting on

That's what it will take to bring sainthood to Franciscan Mother Marianne Cope, who abandoned the comfort of her Roman Catholic convent in upstate New York more than a century ago to help Hawaii's lepers, and left a legacy of schools, orphanages and hospitals.

"We can wait," said Sister Grace Anne Dillenschneider, assistant general minister of the Sisters of St. Francis. "We've waited all this time. We believe it's only a matter of time.

In December, Pope John Paul II accepted a report of one miracle attributed to the intervention of Mother Marianne. The case involved a Syracuse teenager who suffered multiple organ failure and recovered after she was touched by a relic of Mother Marianne and prayers were offered seeking the nun's intercession on the girl's behalf. Cope is expected to be beatified as "Blessed Mother Marianne" in a May 15 Mass at St. Peter's Square.

A second miracle attributed to her intercession is required for her to be canonized.

Mother Marianne was born Jan. 23, 1838, as Barbara Koob in Heppenheim, Germany, moved to Utica, N.Y., in 1840 Her father supported the family of nine as a laborer. Cope took religious vows in 1863 with Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis and died in 1918 at age 80

### Different approaches made by Jars of Clay and Sonicflood

By BRIAN ROWERS

Stars and Stripes Jars of Clay dug into the roots of Gospel music and found trea-

The band that helped define Christian rock started by pouring through old hymnals, looking for

lyrics with rich spiritual insight. They then wrote new melodies for obscure hymns

and updated familiar standards. The result, "Redemption Songs, which hits stores this week proves that 2-century-old hymns and spirituals have plenty to say to 21st-century listeners.

One of the best of the recast songs is "God Will Lift Up Your Head," about the joy awaiting believers. It's a catchy track that relies on a simple beat and frontman Dan Haseltine's soaring vocals to propel its encouraging message. Another standout in this category is the more mellow "On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand," which includes vocals by the Blind Boys of Alabama.

Undoubtedly, the more familiar times will resonate with many listeners. They include excellent renditions "Nothing But the Blood," another collaboration with the Blind Boys, and "I'll Fly Away," which is accented by the voice of newcomer Sarah Kelly. While many of the disc's songs

have a Southern or folk feel, "It Is Well" comes through with a mid-'60s flavor.

It's an interesting switch. The disc wraps up with a haunting ver-sion of "They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love.

"Redemption Songs" succeeds on many levels but its most important achievement is making the richness and depth of traditional hymns accessible to a new audience by retuning them for the modern ear.

The band can be found on the Web: www.jarsofclay.com

While Jars of Clay is drawing inspiration from past genera-tions, the new disc by Sonicflood is firmly focused on this genera-

The hand's "This Generation" - released March 8 — offers several high-energy songs that are certain to be popular at modern worship services. The disc's first single, "Your Love Goes On Forsingle, "Your Love Goes On For-ever," popped up to 20 on Billboard's Christian adult contemporary chart last week and has been

climbing the R&R radio chart.

Though some of the lyrics aren't particularly deep, especially when compared with the spiri-tual insights contained in "Redemption Songs," they are quite singable. At a Virginia concert just before the CD's release, the new songs captured the crowd despite their unfamiliarity.

offers The title track hard-edged rock as it calls worshippers to praise. Frontman Rick Heil's voice is plaintive in "All I've Failed to Be." which asks, "Take me Lord. Make me whole." "Prodigal" offers a simi-lar theme, stating, "Mold me and make me. Let me fall into your arms of love again." "You Are" is an exuberant praise of Jesus.
"Never Forget You" is an asser-



Sonicflood — from left, Trey Hill, Chris Kimmerer, Rick Heil, Grant Norsworthy and Jordan Jameson - released their latest CD. "This Generation," on March 8.

tive take on Psalm 103.

It's little wonder that Heil eems to focus on being remade. He recently revealed that doctors had discovered that he had been healed of Crohn's disease, a debilitating intestinal condition that is

normally permanent. The disc also represents a new incarnation of Sonicflood, with

only Heil returning from previous efforts. However, the new crew seems to be a good fit. The band can be found on the

Web: www.sonicflood.com Today's Praise is a roundup of news and

reviews from the contemporary Christian music industry. It appears on the Religion page.

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9:00	House of Mouse Animaniacs	(:08) Movie ** "Ghost- busters II" (1989) Bill Murray.	Movie * * "Eloise at the Plaza" (2003 Adventure) Julie	Andromeda Mysterious bio-ar- mor	AFNews on Assignment America's Black Forum	PGA Golf Bay Hill Invitational - Third Round. From Bay Hill Golf	Latin Lifestyles	Andromeda Mysterious bio-ar- mor	
9:30	Animaniacs Ed. Edd n Eddy	A long-dead Carpathian war-	Andrews, Sofia Vassilieva.	Headline News	The Chris Matthews Show	Club and Lodge in Orlando.	Fantasy Camp	Headline News	
10:00	Fillmore (EI)	lock attempts to return to Earth.	SpongeBob SquarePants	ESPNews	NavvMarine Corps News	Fla. (Taped)	Roker on the Road	ESPNews	
11:00	A Walk in Your Shoes	Movie ★★★ "The Rookie"	Destinations	Judging Amy "Dancing in the	Big Story Weekend Edition	1	Radical Sabbatical	Judging Amy "Dancing in the	
11:30	Planet's Funniest Animals	(2002, Drama) Dennis Quaid, Rachel Griffiths, Jay Hernan-	Ebert-Movies	Dark"  Movie ** "John Q" (2002)	With Rita Crosby		All-American Festivals	Dark"	
12:00	NBA Inside Stuff	dez A high-school baseball	Headline News		20/20	SportsCenter	The Suze Orman Show	Movie *** "Ocean's Eleven"	
12:30	Happy Days	coach tries out for the major	Studio 5	Denzel Washington, Robert Du- vall. A father resorts to violence				(2001) George Clooney. A suave ex-con assembles a team to mb	
13:00	Robin Hood" (1952) Richard (-10) Mourie Av "Th		IndyCar Racing XM Satelite Radio Indy 200. From Phoenix	to obtain a heart for his son.	Fox and Friends	ATP Tennis Pacific Life Open Semifinals, From Indian Wells.	Myth Busters "Sinking Titanic"	a casino vault.	
13:30 14:00	Todd, Joan Rice, Peter Finch.	ly Kid" (1985, Fantasy) Lewis	International Raceway in Avon-	(:15) Headline News	Fox and Friends	Calif. (Taped)	To Be Announced	(:15) Headline News	
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15:30		(1994, Drama) Warren Beatty. Two airline passengers					Mail Call		
16:00	Doug "Doug's Brain Drain"	promised to others fall in love.	The Apprentice	America's Black Forum		Sports Reporters	JAG "Guilt"	America's Black Forum	
16:30 17:00	The Wild Thornberrys The Fairly OddParents	True Hollywood Story	Andromeda Mysterious bio-ar-	Access Hollywood	Face the Nation Headline News	ESPNews Wire to Wire	The Best Of	Access Hollywood	
17:00	Rugrats Stu gets amnesia.	True nollywood Story	mor.	ESPNews	Navy/Marine Corps News	ESPNews	Good Eats	ESPNews	
18:00	The Jeff Corwin Experience  America's Funniest Home Videos Everwood "There is a Reaction"  Joan of Arcadia "Out of Sight"	Movie ** "Patch Adams" (1999) Robin Williams. A doctor truly believes that laughter is	ESPNews	College Basketball NCAA	Late Edition Primetime	College Basketball NCAA	My Wife and Kids	College Basketball NCAA	
18:30			NASCAR Racing Nextel Cup	Tournament Second Round		Tournament Second Round Teams TBA. (Live)	King of the Hill	Tournament Second Round	
19:00			Series Golden Corral 500. From Atlanta Motor Speedway	Teams TBA. From Charlotte, N.C., Nashville, Tenn., Okla-			Girlfriends "The Rabbit Died"	Teams TBA. From Charlotte, N.C., Nashville, Tenn., Okla-	
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20:00		the best medicine.		(Live)	Fox News Live		The Amazing Race	(Live)	
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22:00	The Cosby Show	Powers: The Spy Who Shagged Me" (1999, Comedy)		N.C., Nashville, Tenn., Okla- homa City, or Worcester, Mass.	Meet the Press	Tournament Second Round Teams TBA. (Live)	Friends	N.C., Nashville, Tenn., Okla- homa City, or Worcester, Mass.	
22:30	Home Improvement	Mike Myers, Heather Graham.		(Live)		Teams TBA. (Live)	Seinfeld (Part 2 of 2)	(Live)	
23:00	Touched by an Angel "Pando-	Movie ** * "Twister" (1996)		College Basketball: NCAA	FNS with Chris Wallace	1	Saturday Night Live	College Basketball: NCAA	
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Miranda Lambert's single "Me and Charlie Talking" was No. 1 on the country charts here for weeks. What can you tell me

on the County criest leave on Toxas about her?—Rachel T, Auslin, Toxas about her?—Rachel T, Auslin, Toxas about her?—Rachel T, Auslin, Toxas and the Toxas native was signed by Sony. For her CD "Kerosene." The Leased last week, Lambert work all but one song. "I'm just 21," she tells us, "but my parents are private investigators, and I've seen a lot of reality. Relationships inspire my work."

When will we hear wedding bells for Derek Jeter and new gal pal Stacy Lynn Spierer? — Bradly Katz, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Put away the rice. Jeter, 30, is known for loving and leaving em. The Yankee slugger's exes include pop diva Mariah Carey, 34; video jockey Vanessa Minnillo, 24; and actress Jordana Brewster, 24. Our advice to Spierer, 27, who has appeared in minor TV and film roles: Don't give up your day job.

QYou asked readers who should play Michael Ovitz in the Show-time movie "Two Blind Mice." What was the result? — C. Denton, Harrisburg, Pa.

Several suggested Treat Willliams, who did a superb job as Ovitz in "The Late Shift." Others voted for Greg Kinnear, Anthony Heald, William H. Macy and David Hyde Pierce. Our pick as Ovitz, once Hollywood's most powerful man: Jon Voight.

Owho's the "Laney" Eminem mentions in his song "Mocking-bird"? — Shannon Dowdie, Burnt Hills, N.Y.

His niece, Alaina, 8. The rap star has custody of her and joint custo-

Ahas custody of her and joint custody of his own daughter, Halle, 9. He says the song — with lines like "man's always in the news" and "dad dy's with you!" — is meant for both of them. We think Eminem, 32, is siying to promote him is giving to promote him is giving to promote him to the promote him is giving to promote him to the promote him is given by the promote him to the promote him to

Who's that brainy blonde with Ron Reagan on MSNB-C's new show, "Connected Coast to Coast"? — Elaine Lombardo.

and her twin sister. Dawn

to Coast?? — Elaine Lombardo,
Middleton, Mass.
She's Monica Crowley, 36, a Columbia University Ph.D. who
Awas former President Nixon's assistant on international affairs from 1990 until his death in 1994. Crowley began her
broadcast career as a conservative commentator at WABC
radio in 1996 and later jointed Fox News." I left for a chance to
do a new kind of talk show -thoughtful, civilized debate," she
says, MSNBCS gain is Fox's loss.

As a veteran, I'm curious about Johnny Carson's Navy career. What ship? — Dave Graham, San Diego, Calif. A The Nebraska native enlisted in 1943 at 18 and served as an ensign on the battleship USS Pennsylvania. While on board, Johnny entertained his shipmates and honed his talents as a

magician and comedian. He was discharged from the Navy in 1946.

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soning. — Diana Lomosad, Sacramento, Calif.

It was Tad who probably died of pneumonia — in

IRVI 1 at age 18. Willie died in 1862 at 11 from
what historians believe was typhoid fever. The
Lincoln who may have had blood poisoning was
the President's grandson, Abraham Lincoln II
(known as Jack), who died in 1890 at
16. Incidentally, a new

 Incidentally, a new Lincoln museum opens this spring in Springfield, Ill. Visit www.alplm.org to learn more. QI was disappointed to hear that the Russell Crowe-Nicole Kidman film "Eucalyptus" was post-poned due to script problems. Will it resume? — Sam Roberts. Portland. Maine

We doubt it Our Australian sources say the cancellation had nothing to do with the script — by director Jocelyn Moorhouse, who helped launch Crowe's film career with 1991's "Proof" — and everything to do with Crowe being difficult. Kidman is said to be devastated, and the Aussie film industry has lost millions. Friends warn Russell that top directors may scratch him from their casting sheets.

What do you make of TV Land's reality series with Farrah Fawcett, starting this Wednesday? — Chris C., Joplin, Mo.

We can't wait. If the 58-year-old ex-pinup acts as We can't wait. If the 58-year-old ex-pinup acts as with David Letterman in 1997, "Chasing Farrah" should be the funniest show since "Seinfeld."

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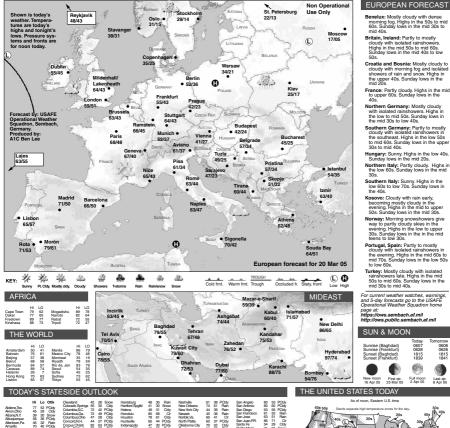


Stop us if you've heard this one before: Russell Crowe's selfishness affects all those around him — in this case, fellow Australian Nicole Kidman and director Jocelyn Moorhouse, who helped launch Crowe's career.



Eminem loves two little ladies — his niece and daughter — but has less public affection for their mommies.

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### Parker provides push as Spurs clinch playoff spot

SAN ANTONIO - Tony Parker quashed whatever hones the Charlotte Bobcats had for a highly unlikely upset.

Parker scored 24 points, half of them in the decisive third quarter of San Antonio's 93-76 victory over the Bobcats on Friday night, clinching a spot in the Western Conference playoffs for the Spurs.

"Tony's energy was great all night," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said. "He pushed the break, he moved the ball. His aggressiveness set a tone.

After trailing by 10 at halftime,



Charlotte got its deficit down to 60-54 midway through the third on a jumper by Emeka Okafor. But the Bobcats went scoreless and committed six turnovers during the final 6:05 of the quarter

"Every time you make a move, somebody is there," Charlotte's Primoz Brezec said of San Antonio's defense. "They put pressure on your first pass. There are no

easy shots.' Parker shot 6-for-8 in the third run by San Antonio. Parker scored three of those six baskets and assisted on two others.

"We decided to play a little more defense," Parker said of the third-quarter lockdown. "I had some good looks because we were nushing them on pick-and-rolls."

San Antonio's lead widened to

as many as 23 points in the fourth. Tim Duncan added 19 points for the Spurs, while Devin Brown

had 15 and Robert Horry 11. The Spurs, playing their fifth straight game without injured swingman Manu Ginobili, improved their NBA-leading record to 50-15

They are 31-3 at home, also best in the league. The loss was the ninth straight for the Robcats and their 18th in 20 games. They are 2-30 on the

Brezec led Charlotte with 18 oints, and Jason Hart and Melvin Ely each scored 10. Okafor, the team's top scorer with 15-point average per game, finished with 7 points on 3-for-13 shooting and had 12 rebounds.

Charlotte shot 37.3 percent (28-for-75) The Bobcats went up 13-9 on a three-pointer by Jason Kapono be-

by Duncan started an 11-3 run that put the Spurs ahead by four late in the first quarter.

76ers 93, Cavaliers 81: At Cleveland, Allen Iverson tore the bandage off his chipped thumb and scored 31 points, and Chris Webber added 14 — including a three-pointer to start Philadel-

phia's game-ending 16-2 push. Nets 94, Jazz 80: At East Rutherford, N.J., Vince Carter scored 10 of his 23 points in the pivotal third quarter, and Jason Kidd had 10 points, nine assists and eight rebounds. Both sat out the fourth quarter with the Nets firmly in command.

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Oakland (ss) vs. Colorado at Tucson, Ariz.
Arizona (ss) vs. Seattle at Peoria, Ariz.
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Kansas City vs. Chicago White Sox at Tuc-

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San Diego (ss) vs. San Francisco at Scotts-dale, Ariz.
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### College basketball

### **National Invitation Tournament**

Opening Round
Wednesday, March 16
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San Francisco 69, Denver 67
CS Fullerton 86, Oregon State 83, OT

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UNLV 89, Arizona State 78
Friday, March 18
Cal State Fullerton 85 at San Francisco
Saturday, March 19
Buffalo (23-9) at Saint Joseph's (20-11)
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Tuesday, March 22 Georgetown (18-12) vs. CS Fullerton Georgetown (10-12) vs. South Carolina (16-13) vs. South Carolina (16-13) wednesday, March 23 Maryland (17-12) vs. SW Missouri St/Davidson Holy Cross (25-6) vs. Buffalo/Saint Jo-

#### Men's NCAA Div. II tournament

Quarterfinals
Wednesday, March 23
Bryant (23-8) vs. Mount Olive (29-4)
Tarleton State (24-8) vs. Cal Poly Pc
(24-6) (24-b) Virginia Atlantic Metro State (29-3) vs. Virginia Atlantic (27-4) 4) rnn (28-5) vs. Findlay (30-3) Semifinals Thursday, March 24 yant/Mount Olive vs. Tarleton State/Cal

Poly Pomona Metro State/Virginia Atlantic vs. Lynn/Findlay

#### Men's NCAA Div. III tournament

Semifinals Friday, March 18 chester 65, Calvin 67 Rochester 65, Calvin 62 Wis.-Stevens Pt. 81, York, Pa. 58 Saturday, March 19 Third Place York, Pa. (27-4) vs. Calvin (26-7) Championship Wis.-Stevens Pt. (28-3) vs. Rochester (25-4)

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Saturday, March 19
St. Xavier (36-6) vs. Carroll, Mont. (27-6)
Georgetown, Ky. (26-5) vs. Robert Morts-Chicago (26-6)
Mountain St. (31-3) vs. Azusa Pacific (27-5)
John Brown (21-11) vs. Biola (26-7)

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morus Caronna State (21-7) vs. Middle Tennessee State (23-8) Texas Tech (22-7) vs. Texas-Arlington (21-9)

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Sunday, March 20
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Rutgers (25-6) vs. Hartford (22-8)
Ohio State (28-4) vs. Holy Cross (20-10)
Maryland (21-9) vs. Wisconsin-Green Bay

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Second Round
Monday, March 21

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### Boxing

### U.S. Amateur Friday Colorado Springs, Colo. Men

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Nicole Silveira, Peabody, Mass., won on walkover over Kayla Kay Combs, Lubbock, Texas, W/O Vanessa Juarez, Fort Worth, Texas, stopped Hannah Guillard, Atlanta, RSCO-3.

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### **Bay Hill Invitational**

Friday At Bay Hill Club and Lodge Orlando, Fla. Purse: \$900,000 Yardage: 7,239; Par: 72 Completed First Round

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### Safeway International

Friday

At Superstition Mountain, Golf Club
Superstition Mountain, Ariz.
Purse: \$1.4 million
Yardage: 6,620; Par: 72
Second Round Lorena Ochoa Soo-Yun Kang Annika Sorenstam Siew-Al Lim Grace Park Karen Stupples Candle Kung Juli Inkster a-Michelle Wie Laura Diaz 65-67-132 -12 68-66-134 -10 66-69-135 -9 8-66-66-69-15-65-72-137 71-67-138 67-71-138 7-70-139 140 Laura Davies Liselotte Neun Paula Creamer Carin Koch

### 70-70-140 69-71-140 73-68-141 72-69-141 72-69-141 69-72-141 Hee-Won Han Gloria Park Toshiba Senior Classic

Friday
At Newport Beach Country Club
Newport Beach, Calif.
Purse: \$1.65 million
Yardage: 6,571; Par 71 (35-36)
First Round

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### Congress threatens to take action on steroids issue

### McGwire's reputation takes a beating day after repeated refusal to answer questions

BY RONALD BLUM

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — A day after the big hearing on steroids in base-ball, several members of congress threatened federal legislation to cure the ills they saw. Irremains unclear whether Mark McGwire's reputation can be restored.

The head of the World Anti-Doping Agency called McGwire's evasions during Thursday's testimony tantamount to an admission of steroid use.

A congressman at the hearing in Washington wants McGwire's name removed from a highway. Even McGwire's former manager, Tony La Russa, was surprised by McGwire's repeated refusals to deny using steroids.

"I think it would have been a lot better for him to say, 'I did it and I'm sorry,' "former baseball commissioner Fay Vincent said.

McGwire has denied using illegal performance-enhancing drugs but refused to do so under oath when he appeared before the House Government Reform Committee, citing advice from his

"What I saw and heard was a confession," WADA chairman Richard Pound said Friday during a symposium at Saint Louis University on doping in sports.

Committee member Christopher Shays, a Connecticut Republican, put it bluntly Friday: "Is there any doubt in your mind that Mark McGwire took drugs?"

La Russa, who managed McGwire on the Oakland Athletics and the Cardinals, said he believes McGwire's denials.

"In my opinion, being under oath wouldn't have changed what he said," La Russa said in Jupiter,

"I think he was overcoached. Mostly, I think it was a missed opportunity to explain that if you use substances like creatine and over-the-counter stuff that's not illegal, you can get the benefits of a hard-core weight training program. And that was never dis-

U.S. Rep. William Lacy Clay, a Missouri Democrat, wants McGwire's name stripped off the 5-mile stretch of Interstate-70 that was named after Big Mac following his 70-homer season in

"It would take an act by the state legislature, but I don't think he deserves a name on the highway if he can't be forthcoming about his involvement with this issue," Clay told The Associated Press on Friday.

### Alomar retires; Schilling to miss opener

The Associated Desca

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Roberto Alomar, a 12-time All-Star who signed with the Tampa Bay Devil Rays with hopes of playing one final season. retired Saturday.

Alomar's announcement came one day after he committed two errors in one inning of a spring training game. The 37-year-old Alomar has been bothered by back and vision problems in recent weeks.

"I played a lot of games and I said I would never embarrass myself on the field," Alomar said. "I had a long career, but I can't play at the level I want to play, so it's time to retire."

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This would have been the 18th major league season for Alomar, who also played for San Diego, Toronto, Baltimore, Cleveland, the New York Mets, Arizona, and the Chicago White Sox.

Trying to reach 3,000 hits and end his stellar career on a high note after a swift decline the past three seasons, Alomar agreed to a \$600,000, one-year contract with the Devil Rays in January. The team penciled him in as the

everyday second baseman and No. 2 hitter. A 10-time Gold Glove winner

and career .300 hitter, Alomar is 276 hits shy of 3,000. He was an All-Star from 1991-2001 but has struggled while batting .266, .258 and .263 the past three

Also Saturday, Tampa Bay right fielder Danny Bautista, who hit .286 with 11 homers and 65 RBIs last season, announced his retirement.

In other news:

■ Boston Red Sox pitcher Curt Schilling will miss Opening Day, setting up David Wells to start against his former team, the New York Yankees. Boston manager Terry Franco-

na made the announcement Saturday and said Schilling might sit out the first two weeks.

Schilling, coming back from ankle surgery last November, will make his first start of spring training in a minor league game on Monday and there was no word on when he would pitch against a major league opponent.

There even was a possibility Schilling would open the season on the disabled list since the Red Sox have three days off in the first 10 days and won't need a fifth starter until their 13th game, at home against Toronto on April 18.

"We're going to have a four-man rotation through the 18th," Francona said.

Schilling has said his ankle and arm aren't bothering him. But his mechanics aren't back to their pre-surgery level. Wells will pitch opening night

in Yankee Stadium on April 3.
Schilling pitched in Game 6 of Bast year's AL championship series against New York and Game 2 of the World Series against St. Louis after a tendon that had been slipping out of place in his right ankle was sutured to the skin. He won both and Boston went on to sweep St. Louis.

■ At Kissimmee, Fla, Roger Clemens strained his right hamstring and left Houston's 13-3 loss to the Detroit Tigers after only 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>3</sub> innings. He is day-to-day.

■ At Peoria, Ariz., Jake Peavy strained his groin during the San Diego Padres' 4-2 victory over the Texas Rangers and could be out for two weeks.



# Perry leads by one midway at Bay Hill

The Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — Kenny Perry kept the ball out of the rough and close to the hole, making five birdies during a six-hole



stretch Saturday morning that gave him a 4-under 68 and a one-shot lead in the Bay Hill

Invitational when the second round ended.

Thick rough and slow greens have befuddled the best players, making scores the highest they have been at Bay Hill in a dozen years. Perry was at 6-under 138, making him the halfway leader for the first time since he won the Memorial two years ago.

"I'm starting to hit my irons close to the hole," Perry said.

He had a one-shot lead over Charles Howell III and Stephen Ames, who played 36 holes Friday in a tournament that has been out of whack since an eight-hour rain delay on Thursday.

What of the Big Three? Vijay Singh, who can return to No. 1 in the world this week by winning, also played 36 holes Friday and shot 72-68, highlighted by a 9-iron he holed from 152 yards on No. 8 that left him two

Shots out of the lead.

Tiger Woods and Ernie Els started their second round Saturday morning. Woods made a few sloppy mistakes in a round of 70 that left him three shots behind. Els twice hit into the water and once hit out of bounds, matching

his career high at Bay Hill with a 77. Els barely made the cut. Perry nearly had some company at the top.

K.J. Choi was at 7-under and playing the easiest hole at Bay Hill, but he hit his approach into the water on the par-5 16th and took bogey. Still tied for the lead, he had a calamitous end to his second round.

He put his approach into the bunker on the 18th, facing a down-hill shot to the pin with water on the other side. Choi got too delicate with his shot and left it in the sand, blasted out to 12 feet and missed to end with a double bogey. He wound up with a 70 and joined Singh and Sergio Garcia (70) at 140, two out of the lead.

### Ochoa leads Sorenstam by two

SUPERSTITION MOUNTAIN, Ariz. — Lorena Ochoa shot 5-under 67 to take a two-shot lead in the Safeway International, with Annika Sorenstam three strokes behind and Michelle Wie lurking.

Ochoa, the 23-year-old Mexican star who was the LPGA Tour's rookie of the year two seasons ago, had a 12-under 132 total.

Soo-Yun Kang was second after a 66, and Sorenstam, the defending champion, was 9- under after a 69. Siew-Ai Lim, who shared the first-round lead with Ochoa, was 7-under after a 72, with Grace Park (67) and Karen Stupples (71) at 6-under.

Candie Kung (70) and Juli Inkster (73) were next at 5-under 139, and the 15-year-old Wie followed her opening 73 with a 67 to join a foursome at 4-under.

### Morgan's 65 paces seniors

NEWPORT BEACH, Calif. — Gil Morgan shot 6-under 65 for a one-stroke lead over Tom Jenkins and Wayne Levi in the first round of the Toshiba Senior Classic.



Lorena Ochoa of Mexico hits a tee shot on the sixth hole during Friday's second round of the LPGA's Safeway international at Superstition Mountain, Ariz. Ochoa shot a 67 Friday and completed two rounds at 12-under 132, two strokes shead of Soo-Yun Kang. Defending champion Annika Sorenstam was three shots behind after shooting a 69.

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### **Nelson steps down** as Mavericks coach

The Associated Press

DALLAS - Don Nelson, the second-winningest coach in NBA history, resigned as coach of the Dallas Mavericks on Saturday and turned the team over to pro

tégé Avery Johnson. "I see a little slippage as a team," Nelson said. "The team is just responding better to Avery at this point.'

64-year-old Nelson also had the title of general manager but most of those duties were done by his son, Donnie, team's president of basketball op-erations. The elder Nelson will stay with the team as a consultant

"Nellie has earned the right to approach this any way he wants," team owner Mark Cuban said. "I just wanted to be supportive of any direction he wants to go.

Nelson leaves with a career record of 1.190-880 over 27 seasons, including stints with Milwaukee. Golden State and the New York Knicks. Only Lenny Wilkens has won more NBA games as a coach — 1,332.

Wilkens stepped down as coach of the Knicks earlier this season. Although he never won a championship, or even made it to the NBA Finals, Nelson is considered a master of mismatches who won games early in his career by stressing defense then later made a mark with clubs that tried outscoring everyone Nelson went 339-251 in Dallas,

winning percentage. It's even more impressive considering he started 35-81 before going 40-42

Johnson has coached the team for 13 games this season, first while Nelson had shoulder surgery, then recently when Nelson took time off to be with his wife after she had an operation.

Johnson has also run practices since training camp and had some test runs as the coach with Nelson serving as his assistant.

His first game was Saturday night at home against Charlotte. When Johnson coached the Mavs, he stressed defense. Nel-son's emphasis was offense. The mixed message could be part of the reason Dallas has struggled recently, especially at home.

"We're going to keep moving forward," Johnson said. "We're not trying to abandon the things Coach has implemented here, but there are some things that I feel a little stronger about."

Johnson, the starting point guard on San Antonio's 1999 title team first joined Nelson's staff during the team's run to the Western Conference finals in 2002 when he was left off the playoff roster. Nelson wanted him back last season, even though Johnson was playing for Golden State. The league didn't allow it, so Johnson signed with Dallas this summer to be a player-coach. He wound up retiring in training camp to focus strictly on coaching.

### Celtics stop Rockets for sixth straight win

HOUSTON - The Boston Celtics are playing their best basketball. They're playing so well, in fact, that they went on the road and ended Houston's six-game winning streak.

"We are becoming an elite team and we are doing it because guys are sacrificing and sharing the ball," Paul Pierce said after Mark Blount came off the bench and matched his season high with 22 points to lead the Celtics to their season-best sixth straight victory, 103-92 over the Rockets on Friday night.

Boston has won 10 of its last 11. "This was another test for us Houston was as hot as us. and maybe even hotter, and we came in and got the win." Pierce said. The Celtics never trailed after

the first minute and led comfortably for most of the game.

"It was a great game for us and a test of where our team is," Ricky Davis said. "Houston has been playing really well lately, but we had it the whole game. We were making our shots and playing together as a team."

Boston had six players score in double figures. Antoine Walker had 18, Davis 15, Pierce 12, Tony Allen 11 and Gary Payton 10.

Houston's 52-27. "Mark Blount was great for us

He really helped open our offense by hitting his outside shots," Boston coach Doc Rivers said. "We did a great job of executing our offense. We wanted to run a lot of pick-and-rolls to push Yao Ming away from the basket and keep him from moving around.

"I loved the way our defense played and we had only 10 turn-overs," Rivers added.

Tracy McGrady led Houston with 22 points, followed by Yao with 18, Jon Barry with 16 and David Wesley with 12.

McGrady and Yao agreed that Boston's execution of the pick-and-roll was a key factor.

"They were hot tonight. They did a good job of working the pick-and-rolls and they were making shots." McGrady said.

"We did a lot of things wrong tonight and we couldn't put the ball in the basket. Even with myself, I was missing layups. What happened tonight we can't let happen again.

After trailing by 14 at the end of the third quarter, Houston briefly threatened a comeback cutting Boston's lead to 97-88 with 2:12 left after consecutive baskets by Bob Sura. But the Rockets got no closer.

#### NBA scoreboard

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Detroit 103, Toronto 92
Memphis 88, Minnesota 83
Boston 103, Houston 92
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### Knicks 106. Hawks 92

### 76ers 93, Cavaliers 81

PHILADELPHIA — Korver 5-7 1-1 15, Web-er 6-16 1-2 14, Dalembert 1-4 0-0 2, Iguodala-8-2-3-8, Iverson 9-27 11-12 31, M.Jackson 10-4-5 14, McKie 1-3 0-0 2, Rogers 2-5 1-2 7, almons 0-2 0-0 0, Davis 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 2-82

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### Pistons 103, Raptors 92

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DETROIT — Prince 7-12 6-6 21, R.Wallace 7-22 2-7 18, B.Wallace 4-9 1-4 9, Hamilton 9-16 2-2 20, Billups 7-10 6-6 23, McDyess 2-7 3-4 7, Delfino 1-2 0-2 2, Arroyo 1-3 1-7 3, Dupree 0-1 0-0 0, Hunter 0-0 0-0 0, Totals 38-82 21-33 103.

### Grizzlies 88, Timberwolves 83

MINNESOTA — Sprewell 4-12 2-2 11, Gar-nett 12-17 5-6 30, Thomas 1-4 0-0 2, Hudson 8, 48-2-3 11, Hassell 1-7 0-0 2, Carter 4-6 0-0 8, Olowokandi 4-7 0-0 8, Szczerbiak 1-6 1-2 3, Srfffin 2-3 0-0 4, Hoiberg 2-4 0-0 4, Todas 5-74 10-13 83. MEMPHIS — Battler 2-8 0-0 4, Cardinal 1-9 35-74 10-13 83. MEMPHIS - 0-0 4, Protier 2-8 0-0 4, Cardinal 1-9 0-0 3, Wright 7-12 2-4 16, Watson 2-7 0-0 4, Miller 7-12 0-0 14, Posey 3-11 5-6 12, Williams 6-10 3-5 17, Wells 6-10 3-4 16, Tsakalidis 1-2 0-0 2, Totals 33-81 13-19 88.

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### Bucks 99, Wizards 90

WASHINGTON — Jeffries 2-4 3-5 7, Profit 52-2 8, Haywood 4-9 1-2 9, Arenas 12-35 0-0 Hughes 7-18 8-12 24, Blake 1-5 0-0 3, Tho-s 4-9 2-2 10, Ruffin 1-1 0-0 2, Totals 34-86

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### Celtics 103, Rockets 92

BOSTON — Pierce 3-9 6-7 12, Walker 6-13 3-6 18, LaFrentz 0-3 0-0 0, Payton 3-5 2-2 10, Allen 2-6 7-8 11, Blount 11-16 0-0 22, Davis 6-10 1-1 15, Jefferson 3-6 1-2 7, Banks 1-3 1-2 3, West 2-4 0-0 5. Totals 37-75 21-28 103 s, west z-4 0-0 5. Totals 37-75 21-28 103. HOUSTON — McGrady 226-8 22, Weatherspoon 1-3 1-2 3, Yao 5-7 8-12 18, Sura 3-13, 3-6 10, Wesley 4-10 1-2 12, Padgett 2-3 0-0 5, Mutombo 2-2 0-0 4, James 1-8 0-0 2, Barry 6-8 2-2 16, Bowen 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 32-75 21-32 92. Boston — 28 28 21 26-103 Houston 1-8 20 22 20 19 31-9 22 20 19 31-9 22

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#### Spurs 93, Bobcats 76

CHARLOTTE — Kapono 4-8 0-0 9, Okafor 3-13 1-2 7, Brezec 5-6 8-9 18, Knight 2-5 4-6 8, Bogans 1-10 3-4 5, Hart 5-11 0-0 10, Robinson 0-1 0-2 0, Carroll 2-8 1-1 5, Ely 4-8 2-2 10, Smith 2-4 0-0 4, Alexander 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 78-75 10-26 7

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### Nuggets 115, Clippers 96

L.A. CLIPPERS - Simmons 4-11 4-6 15, Brand 2-8 2-2 6, Kaman 5-12 0-0 10, Brunson 2-9 0-0 4, Maggette 6-14 12-14 26, Ross 2-5 3-5 7, Moore 2-2 6-6 10, Chalmers 6-9 2-3 15, Wil-cox 0-3 1-2 1, Anderson 1-3 0-0 2. Totals 30-76

30-38 96.

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### Heidelberg takes two vs. Hanau

At least as far as Heidelberg and Hanau are concerned, there's a bit of a gap between Division I and II softball. The Lady Lions, behind the

pitching of Brittany Clark and Ashley Hamre, swept Hanau of Division H 15-0 and 21-1



Saturday Hanau, Germany, in the opener for both teams.

Brittany Clark struck out 12 and held Hanau to three hits in the first game. She was backed by three hits and three RBIs by Linsday Clark and two hits and two RBIs each by Hamre and Jessica Anderson.

In the second game, Hope Fotter's home run saved Hanau from a second straight shutout. The rest of the way, it was all Heidelberg. Hamre struck out six batters and Lindsay Clark collected three hits and three RBIs. Sam Lane also had three hits for Heidelberg.

Hanau is idle until it opens its Division II season April 2 at Bitburg; Heidelberg opens Division I play Saturday at Würzburg. In other games Saturday:

Bitburg, Ramstein split: At Ramstein, Germany, two walks and a passed ball produced the winning run in the eighth inning as the Bitburg Lady Barons of Di vision II upset defending European Division I champion Ramstein

Bitburg's All-Europe ond-teamer Ashley Kazimer went the distance for the victory, allowing seven hits and striking out six. She also had two hits and scored two runs.

The loss went to All-Europe first-teamer Victoria Apodaca, a senior, who allowed five hits and struck out nine

Ramstein tied the game with a three-run sixth inning, but was

unable to threaten afterward "We hit the ball all over the place, but we couldn't seem to Ramstein coach Kent Grosshuesch said.

The Lady Royals scored plenty in the second game, a 9-3 victory that went to freshman Jessica

Apodaca. She struck out seven. Jessica Renaud took the loss for Bitburg, which got a 3-for-3 effort from Amber Zagonina

Next up for Ramstein is a home doubleheader Saturday against Lakenheath, the only team other than Ramstein to win Division I European titles since the school system began offering softball in 1999. Ramstein won the first year and Lakenheath took the next four titles before Ramstein broke through again in 2004

Bitburg, which won every European Division II championship between 2000 and 2003, hosts Lakenheath on Friday. The Lady Barons host London Central, the European Division III champ, on April 1 before opening their Division II schedule against visiting Hanau on April 2



Wiesbaden defenders form a wall against a free kick during their 1-0 loss to Ramstein on Saturday in Wiesbaden, Germany.

### Aviano boys, girls victorious in openers

One reigning champion won and another lost Saturday when Aviano's boys and girls opened their high school soccer seasons Saturday at the American Overseas School of Rome.

In both cases, the winner was

Aviano's girls, the defending Division III champions, romped past AOSR 7-0 for their 16th straight victory.

Then, Steven Hudson turned a pass from Angel Santana into the game-winning goal midway through the second half as Aviano's boys, in their debut under coach Steve Stanley, defeated two-time defending Division III champion AOSR 3-2.

Despite giving up an own-goal the Aviano boys led 2-1 at halftime on goals by Junior Valez, assisted by Hudson, and Ricardo Anzoatgui, assisted by Blake

AOSR tied the game after halftime, finally getting a shot past Aviano's Brian Bell, but Santana set up Hudson with the go-ahead goal and Bell shut down AOSR.

In the less-dramatic girls game Aviano freshman Anna Schrader scored three times in her varsity debut, while Rebecca Breedlove had two goals an an assist. Ashley Lynch scored twice.

Aviano keeper Ingrid Batteng stopped a penalty kick in the first

Both Aviano teams return home Saturday to host Sigonella second pre-holiday-break four-week schedule that will go a long way toward determining the success of Aviano's regular seasons. After Sigonella, Aviano plays at Naples on April 2 and then the boys host perennial power Milan on April 7.

### **DODDS** soccer

In other games on Saturday's light schedule:

ISB, Lakenheath split: At RAF Lakenheath, England, Paula Oliveira scored two goals as the International School of Brussels shut out Lakenheath 2-0 in a nonconference game between Division I foes.

Oliveira, assisted by Frances Kershaw, slipped her first goal past Lakenheath keeper Megan Rabon 6:48 into the game. She came back in the 33rd minute to heat Rabon again

Lakenheath, with Josie Perez controlling midfield play, registered 13 shots on goal to seven for ISB. But the Lancers found the defense of Lydia Gray, Daria Rouhalamin and Megan Gibson and goaltending of Sophia Helsham too effective to allow them to finish.

In the boys game, goals by Michael Esquitin, Bryce Watkins



Ramstein's Adam Rasmussen hits

a header during the Royals' 4-2 victory over Wiesbaden in Wiesbaden, Germany, on Saturday. and Matt Trombly paced the Lancers to a 3-1 nonconference

Both ISB teams open their Division I seasons Saturday at Wiesbaden; Lakenheath is idle until the boys and girls host Würzburg for Division I games on April 2

an unassisted second-half goal past Wiesbaden keeper Caitlin Watson to fuel a 1-0 nonconference victory for Ramstein's Lady

The game preceded a 4-2 victory by the Ramstein boys over 2004 Division I runner-up Wiesbaden. It was made possible by two goals by Tommy Appel-Schu-macher and goals by Jason Pollock and Dan Whitney

According to Wiesbaden coach Ben Arcila, both teams used this nonconference game as a chance to experiment heavily with players and combinations. Despite that. All-Europe goalkeeper Dan Parker flashed his form by saving a penalty kick, and mainstay Matt Alexander scored both Wiesbaden goals.

Wiesbaden's boys and girls host ISB on Saturday in the Division I openers for both schools.

The Ramstein boys don't play gain until they host eight-time defending European Division I detending European Division 1 champion Heidelberg on April 2. The Lady Royals next host four-time defending champion Heidelberg on April 2.

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Noteworthy – Ramstein coach Ricardo Bultrago praised the play of Norman and forward Susie Flucker. Bethany Fountain and Sara Roderick played well in Wiesbaden's defense, according to coach Jim Campbell. JV-Ramstein 1, Wiesbaden 0.



Ramstein's Josh Wesloski, left, and Wiesbaden's Collin Limes battle for the ball during a DODDS-Europe high school soccer opener at Wiesbaden, Germany. Ramstein defeated Wiesbaden 4-2.

ISB 2, Lakenheath 0 (Saturday at Lakenhea Halftime-Unavailable. Goals-Paula Oliveira 2

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Noteworthy—Defensive effort of Lydia Grey, Daria Rouhalamin and Megan Gibson facilitated Helsham's shutout goaltending. Brittany Watkins and Josie Perez stood out for Lakenheath.

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### Slutskaya wins gold in skating's worlds

MOSCOW - Irina Slutskava won the gold medal for the second time in the world champion-Saturday, combining strength and style to cap an extraordinary season in which she prevailed despite a heart ailment and knee injury.

The Russian delivered a draining and dramatic program that featured seven clean triples to the delight of the home crowd.

"I'm happy because it's so difficult to come back so many times, to suffer so many misfortunes," said Slutskaya, who missed the 2003 worlds because of her ailing

Sasha Cohen of the United States won the silver medal for the second straight year, and Carolina Kostner of Italy took the bronze. Michelle Kwan, the five-time world champion, was fourth, the first time since 1996 the American finished a worlds without a medal.

"I can leave Moscow satisfied, disappointed, satisfied kind of a roller-coaster ride and not as consistent as I wanted it to he " Kwan said

#### **Davenport blanks Sharapova** INDIAN WELLS, Calif. - Lind-

say Davenport accomplished something no one else has against Wimbledon champion Maria Sharapova - a shutout. Davennort heat the 17-year-old

Russian 6-0, 6-0 in Friday's semifinals of the Pacific Life Open. The match lasted 49 minutes. Earlier in the afternoon, Andre

Agassi pulled out of his quarterfinal against Llevton Hewitt because of a sore and swollen toe. It was the first time the 34-year-old Agassi could not take the court for a scheduled match in his career - 1,092 matches.

In a night match, Andy Roddick moved into the semifinals with a 6-7 (4), 6-4, 6-1 victory over Carlos Moya in a duel of former No. 1 players. Roddick served 13 aces and

was deadly at the net, volleying for 30 points on the way to the win over his Spanish opponent. Mova had five aces and won 21 points at

Roddick faces Hewitt in one semifinal Saturday, and No. 1 Roger Federer plays Guillermo Canas in the other.

Kim Clijsters, the 2003 champion, faces Davenport in the women's final Saturday Former No. 1 Cliisters defeated Elena Dementieva 6-4, 6-2 in their semifinal.

As Sharapova failed to win a single game for the first time as a pro, she spent much of the match spraying groundstrokes outside the lines - at times by several feet - or hitting the ball into the

The loss was only her second in 19 matches this year.

#### Jets trade LB Cowart to Vikings for draft pick HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. - The

New York Jets traded middle linebacker Sam Cowart to the Minne-

#### Sports briefs

sota Vikings on Friday for a seventh-round pick in this year's Cowart saw his playing time di-

minish in 2004 after a knee injury knocked him out for an extended period and rookie Jonathan Vilma emerged as a standout player. After the season, Cowart asked for a trade when it became clear he wouldn't have much of a role with the Jets.

The Vikings have been busy upgrading their defense in the offseason, signing linebacker Napoleon Harris, safety Darren Sharper, cornerback Fred Smoot and Williams in the past three weeks. Including Cowart, the five players bring a combined 339 NFL starts, 57 interceptions, 32 sacks and have played in three Pro

#### Sonics lose valuable forward Radmanovic for 4-6 weeks

SEATTLE - Vladimir Radmanovic, a valuable reserve for-ward for the Northwest Division-leading Seattle SuperSonics, has a stress fracture in his right leg and will be out 4 to 6 weeks

Radmanovic's right leg will first be placed in a cast and then a walking boot. The injury is expected to heal without surgery

The Sonics placed him on the injured list Friday and activated forward Damien Wilkins, who was on the injured list with right knee natella tendinitis.

Radmanovic, 24, has been promoted by the Sonics as a contender for the NBA's Sixth Man Award. He showed up Friday night in the Seattle dressing room with his right leg in a cast before the Sonics' game against Orlando

#### Wife of Pistons' Ham arrested in domestic assault case

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — The wife of Detroit Pistons forward Darvin Ham was arrested early Friday on a domestic assault charge, authorities said.

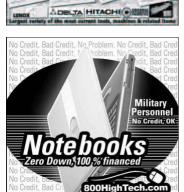
Oakland County sheriff's deputies were called to the couple's Rochester Hills home about 3 a.m. EST, Sgt. John Jacobson

According to a sheriff's report cited by The Daily Oakland Press of Pontiac, Deneitra Ham allegedly struck her husband on the head with a wine bottle during a domestic disnute Ham, who was bleeding when

deputies arrived but refused medical treatment, did not wish to press charges against his wife. But deputies took her into custody under a Michigan law allowing a police officer to make an arrest if the officer has reasonable cause to believe an assault has taken place.

Deneitra Ham was arraigned later Friday on a charge of domestic abuse and was released on a personal bond, Jacobson said.

Misdemeanor domestic vio-lence is punishable by up to 93 days in jail and a \$500 fine.



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Georgia Tech's Jarrett Jack (3) takes control of a loose ball against George Washington.

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**NCAA tournament: Albuquerque Regional** 

### Louisville, Georgia Tech advance

NASHVILLE, Tenn. - Rick Pitino warned his team not to expect an easy game against Louisiana-Lafayette in the first round of the NCAA tournament, and the Ragin' Caiuns proved just as troublesome as predicted.

"Even at halftime, we said, Look guys, you think you're going to blow this team out, you're mistaken. It's coming down to the last 2 minutes," Pitino said after his fourth-seeded Louisville Cardinals advanced in the Albuquerque Regional with a 68-62 victory Friday.

"We're very proud of this victory. When you're a 4-seed, and you play these teams today, you're going to play a terrific basketball team. We knew we weren't getting a breather.

Francisco Garcia went 7-for-7 from the foul line in the final 1:57, finishing with 27 points to heln Louisville (30-4) reach the second round for the second time in three years under Pitino, who is 28-9 in the NCAA tournament.

Louisville will face fifth-seeded Georgia Tech in the second round Sunday. The Yellow Jackets beat George Washington 80-68.
Pitino insisted all along that Louisiana-Lafay-

ette was not a typical No. 13 seed, going as far as to say the Ragin' Cajuns were the most difficult first-round opponent he's faced in 10 tour nament appearances with Boston University, Providence, Kentucky and Louisville.

Turns out, he wasn't just paying lip service. There were eight lead changes in the second half before Louisville finally went ahead for good at 56-55 on two free throws by Larry O'Bannon with 3:43 to go. The Cardinals were held to one field goal the rest of the way — Otis George's tip-in — but made eight more

free throws to pull away.

Louisville coach Rick Pitino voices his displeasure during Friday night's 68-62 NCAA tournament victory over Louisiana-Lafavette.

No one excelled more than Garcia. He was fouled by Dwayne Mitchell on a three-point attempt with 1:57 to go, and made all three free throws for a 63-57 lead. He made two more with a minute left, then calmly sank his last two to push the Cardinals' advantage back to

O'Bannon scored 13 points and Taguan Dean had 12 for Louisville.

Brian Hamilton led Louisiana-Lafayette (20-11) with 19 points before fouling out. Tiras Wade had 15 points and Chris Cameron added 11

"It is a shame a team had to lose tonight" Louisiana-Lafavette coach Robert Lee said. "But our team played great, and that's all I

Georgia Tech 80, George Washington 68: Jarrett Jack, Will Bynum and B.J. Elder combined to score on six straight possessions in the second half as Georgia Tech (20-11) pulled away from pesky George Washington.
Jack had 20 to lead the Yellow Jackets, who won no game by more than eight points on the way to last year's NCAA championship game. Bynum had 17 and Elder added 15.

Pops Mensah-Bonsu scored 15 to lead four players in double figures for 12th-seeded George Washington (22-8), which was doomed by dismal foul shooting. The Colonials missed 12 of 16 at the line, with a string of seven straight misses at one point.

The lead changed nine times and George Washington kept scrapping back whenever Tech threatened to make a run. When Bynum stole the ball and took it in for a layup, giving Georgia Tech a 57-54 lead with 11 minutes left, J.R. Pinnock answered back with a quick hasket

Then Elder hit a pullup jumper to spark a 12-0 run that sealed the outcome. The Yellow Jackets scored on six straight possessions, with Bynum, Elder and Jack trading baskets. Mensah-Bonsu finally stopped the run with

a dunk, but George Washington didn't get close again.

NCAA tournament: Syracuse Regional

### Connecticut lives to fight another day

The Associated Press

WORCESTER Mass - Charlie Villanueva scored 22 points and defending national champion Connecticut blew most of a 19-noint lead before trimming Central Florida 77-71 on Friday in the first round of the NCAA tournament's Syracuse Regional.

Connecticut (23-7) faces a second-round game Sunday against North Carolina State, but that could be it unless the second-seeded Huskies snap out of a slump that has stymied them for the past three games.

Gary Johnson had career-high 29 points and seven three-pointers for Central Florida (24-9), which had won eight straight games. Kingsley Edwards' layup got Central Florida to 74-69, but only 23.2 seconds remained and the Golden Knights were forced to start fouling.

Florida 67, Ohio 62: At Nashville, Tenn., Florida blew a 20-point lead, but Anthony Roberson converted a three-point play with 42.3 seconds left to help the Gators advance

Fourth-seeded Florida (24hung on after blowing a 55-35 lead with 11:51 left. The Bobcats (21-11), who rallied from 19 down to win the Mid-American Conference title game, went on a 20-2 run, tying it 60-60 with 2:12 left Mychal Green's

three-pointer. Matt Walsh led the Gators with



Connecticut's Charlie Villanueva (3) draws two defenders during the defending champion Huskies' first-round victory over Central Florida

18 noints Green finished with 24 points for the Bobcats.

Villanova 55, New Mexico 47: At Nashville, Tenn., Kyle Lowry made two sets of free throws in the final 1:38, then came up with a clutch steal as Villanova held off New Mexico.

Lowry finished with eight ints, while Mike Nardi led the Wildcats (23-7) with 15 points. After holding 12th-seeded New

Mexico to just 11 points in the first half and leading by as many as 24, Villanova made just three field goals in the second half. The Lobos (26-7) made a furious rally, pulling within 52-47 with 29 sec-onds left.

Danny Granger led New Meyico with 15 points.

N.C. State 75, Charlotte 63: At Worcester, Mass., Julius Hodge had 19 points, nine assists and seven rebounds for the 10th-seeded Wolfpack (20-13). Andrew Brackman had 16 points, Ilian Evtimov and Cameron Bennerman

each had 12 and Engin Atsur 10. Brendan Plavich, Eddie Basden and Curtis Withers each scored 15 for the seventh-seeded 49ers (21-8).

North Carolina 96, Oakland 68: At Charlotte, N.C., freshman Marvin Williams scored 20 points and Sean May added 19 in the Rashad McCants added 16 points for North Carolina (28-4), which shot 73 percent in the first half in building a 28-point lead.

top-seeded Tar Heels'

Cortney Scott finished with 21 points to lead Oakland (13-19), which won only nine regular-sea-son games but reached the NCAA tournament after an improbable run through the Mid-Continent Conference tournament and a defeat of Alabama A&M in Tuesday's play-in game.

Iowa State 64. Minnesota 53: At Charlotte, N.C., Iowa State held Minnesota to 33 percent shooting and Curtis Stinson led a balanced attack with 18 points. Rahshon Clark and Jared Homan added 14 points each for Iowa State (19-11).

Brent Lawson and Vincent Grier had 14 apiece for the eighth-seeded Gophers (21-11). Using some full-court pressure and almost exclusively going with a zone, the Cyclones forced 17 turnovers and kept the Gophers off balance throughout.

Wisconsin 57, Northern Iowa 52: At Oklahoma City, Kammron Taylor scored 16 points in a reve role, including a jumper and four free throws in the final minute, to help Wisconsin hold off Northern Iowa.

Sharif Chambliss hit a season-high five three-pointers for 15 points for Wisconsin (23-8).

Ben Jacobson led the Panthers (21-11) with 20 points.

#### NCAA tournament: Austin Regional



Duke's Shavlik Randolph (42) is trapped by Delaware State's Aaron Fleetwood (34) and Bruce Davis (11) during the top-seeded Blue Devils' 57-46 victory on Friday. Duke shot just 41 percent from the field.

## Persistent Hornets pester mighty Duke

BY KEITH PARSONS

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Mike Krzyzewski knows better than anyone just how precious games are in the NCAA tournament, so while he didn't dwell on his record-setting night, he paused to appreciate it.

"I'm glad we won, whatever number it was," Coach K said. "Each victory in the tournament is a treasured win, because it's a great tournament."

Shelden Williams had 14 points and 11 rebounds and top-seeded Duke held off 16th-seeded Delaware State 57-46 on Friday night in the Austin Regional, giving Krzyzewski his 65th career victory in the tournament.

In 21 NCAA tournaments, Krzyzewski's record is 65-17, tying Dean Smith's for most career victories.

"He doesn't like to bring those things up," Blue Devils guard J.J. Redick said. "I actually knew. I try to keep up with all his wins and all his stats. I knew that was going on, but he hasn't talked about it. I'm happy for him."

Duke (26-5) will face

Duke (26-5) will face ninth-seeded Mississippi State in the second round Sunday.

The Blue Devils struggled throughout against the Hornets (19-13) despite having guard Sean Dockery back for the first time in seven games after he sufferred a knee injury

The Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference champion had won 15 of its previous 17 games, including three straight in the conference tournament. Delaware State befuddled Duke in the first half with a lineup of five guards, spreading the floor and letting the shot clock wind down before driving to the basket.

Delaware State led 14-12 after 10 minutes and a putback by Tracey Worley tied it at 23 with 5 minutes left in the fist half.

"They won the regular season and their tournament with that system. They believe in it," Krzyzewski said. "They're quick, and they're good kids. They play together. It didn't seem to matter who shot the ball "

The Blue Devils took control with consecutive three-pointers by Daniel Ewing and Lee Melchionni, then opened the second half with an 11-2 run to pull away. The Hornets missed 15 straight shots at one point until Worley

swished a three to make it 49-35. The margin eventually reached 20 before Delaware State rallied. Jahsha Blumt made a jumper from beyond the arc, and after Worley added another basket, Troy Roundree made a three-pointer to bring the Hornets within 55-43.

"I thought our kids put forth a great effort," Hornets coach Greg Jackson said. "There's no question we gave it our best shot. The kids showed a lot of patience and desire until the talent just took over."

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Worley led Delaware State
with 13 points, and Roundtree
added 11.

"We feel like we gained some respect, but we still feel like we could have won the game," forward Terrance Hunter said. "Nobody gave us a chance."

For Krzyzewski, the outcome probably reminded him of a similar matchup in the 1986 tournament in which the top-seeded Blue Devils narrowly beat Mississipi Valley State 85-78. Johnny Dawkins, at the time an All-America guard for Duke, now sits beside Coach K on the bench as the associate head coach, and he told the players about that game earlier in the week.

"It tells you that what people think is usually wrong," Krzyzewski said. "It's what players think it's what coaches think."

His team got the chance to live its own version. Backed by a a small but enthusiastic group of fans, Delaware State came out to win the game.

After falling behind by nine early, the Hornets tied it at 12 on a layup by Worley, and the rest of the half was close.

### Monarchs are a royal pain for victorious Michigan St.

The Associated Pre-

WORCESTER, Mass. — Tom Izzo leaned back in his chair, his arms spread out, his lips pursed. The usually volatile Michigan State coach didn't like what he was seeing.

The fifth-seeded Spartans couldn't pull away until the final minutes, when Shannon Brown made a spinning layup to start a three-point play that helped Michigan State beat Old Dominion 89-81 on Friday night in the first round of the NCAA tournament.

"I was disappointed in the first half, at the energy they brought," said Izzo, whose team trailed by five at halftime. "I'm not used to teams playing harder than us, and I thought they did."

Michigan State (23-6) managed to avoid a second consecutive first-round exit and gave Izz, whose NCA Avinning percentage is second only to Mike Krzyzewski's, his 20th NCAA tournament win. The Spartans will face 13th-seeded Vermont on Sunday. Old Dominion (28-6) dominated the Colonial Athletic Association, but couldn't add to the up-

sets in the Worcester pod. The Monarchs last advanced in the NCAAs when they beat Villanova in triple overtime in the opening round of the 1995 tournament.

"Coming into the game, we knew we all belonged," Old Domin-

ion guard Kiah Thomas said.
"When I first got to ODU, we were
always unsure whether we were
going to win night in and night out.
We really didn't know. Tonight
every man, to a man, believed."

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Brown scored 13 points, and
Alan Anderson had 15 to lead five
Spartans in double figures. Michigan
State shot 57 percent
(29-for-51) from the floor in the
game despite making just three of

14 shots from three-point range.
Alex Loughton had 22 points, 11
rebounds and six assists for Old
Dominion after playing much of

the second half in foul trouble.

Drew Williamson, who did not have a turnover in 91 minutes in the CAA tournament, had three

Michigan State took a 74-68 lead before Valdas Vasylins it a three-pointer with 4/31 left. Hunter-phit two free throws to make it a 76-75 with 3/48 remaining before the teams traded misses. Brown got the ball under the basket, spun around and tossed it in, landing in a crouch and pumping his fists while the official whistled for a foul.

He hit the free throw to make it 79-75 with 2:50 left. The Spartans extended it to six

The Spartans extended it to six points before Loughton's basket with 1:09 left made it 81-77. With 54 seconds left, Paul Davis made a leaner in the lane just before the shot clock expired, giving the Spartans an 83-77 lead.

Michigan State went 6-forfrom the line down the stretch. Also on Friday:

Mississippi St. 93, Stanford 70: In Charlotte, N.C., Winsome Frazier made six three-pointers and scored 20 points to lead the ninth-seeded Bulldogs (23-10) to a

second-round matchup with Duke. Lawrence Roberts, the 2004 SEC player of the year, led the Bulldogs with 23 points and 14 rebounds. But Frazier, who did not score more than 13 points in his past eight games, provided the

spark to get past Stanford (18-13). Frazier was seven of nine from the floor, including six of eight from three-point range. Shane Power added 14 points for Mississippi State, eliminated in the second round by Xavier last year as a No. 2 seed.

Chris Hernandez led Stanford with 17 points. Rob Little and Matt Haryasz had 14 each.

The Bulldogs made four three-pointers in the final 5:08 of the first half, including three straight in a 17-4 run to close the half and take a 44-43 halftime lead. Frazier made back-to-back

Frazier made back-to-back threes to start the second half, including an off-balance fadeaway off one foot that made it 50-44.

Stanford struggled with its long-range shots, missing its first five three-pointers in the second half, allowing the Bulldogs to take a 63-53 lead with 11:21 to play.

### NCAA tournament: Chicago Regional

### Curry lifts Cowboys past SE La.

The Associated Pre

OKLAHOMA CITY — James-On Curry hesitated for a split second, then jumped and let loose a three-pointer right in front of his coach's seat.

19-year-old freshman didn't keep his excitement inside. He pumped his fist as he walked toward midcourt, giving seond-seeded Oklahoma State the boost it needed in its 63-50 victory over Southeastern Louisiana on Friday in the first round of the NCAA tournament.

The Cowboys will play Southern Illinois on Sunday.
The three-pointer put Oklaho

The three-pointer put Oklahoma State ahead 54-47 with just under 4 minutes to play, and the Cowboys (25-6) held off the Lions (24-9) by making their next nine free throws.

Once the Lions pulled within three points, it was Curry's enthusiasm that put the Cowboys over the top. He sliced into the lane and found Ivan McFarlin cutting to the basket for a layur

Curry was only getting started. He added a free throw, then found McFarlin for another basket inside to put Oklahoma State ahead 49-43. Terrence Crawford emphatically jammed home a miss by John Lucas III, and Curry hit three three-pointers from the left wing in front of coach Eddie Sutton. Curry had 13 pointry had 13 point.



JamesOn Curry, a 19-year-old freshman, scored 13 points and made key plays late in a 63-50 victory Friday over SE Louisiana.

"He's just an outstanding player for his age," Sutton said. "He has no fear. He's not afraid to take that shot."

McFarlin scored 18 points to lead the Cowboys, who reached the Final Four last season.

The Lions, trying to become the fifth No. 15 seed to win a first-round game, were within 44-41 midway through the second half after an 11-3 run fueled by Ricky Woods' ability to get inside and cause havoc.

Woods sank a leaning flip against Crawford, finished a whirling drive down the lane and grabbed a deflected pass for a two-handed jam, then drove the lane and dished off to Jonathan Walker to make it 42-39. Woods led the Lions with 16 points.

Also on Friday:

Southern Illinois 65, Saint
Mary's 56: In Oklahoma City,
Stetson Hairston broke a late tie
with three free throws, then followed with a three-pointer, and
Darren Brooks drove for the next
two baskets to give the Salukis

the push they needed to win. Southern Illinois (27-7) advanced for the first time since 2002, when Hairston and Brooks were freshmen on a club that made the regional semifinals. The Salukis were knocked out by one point in the opening round the past two years.

The Salukis went on an early 14-0 run fueled by nine turnovers, including a run of eight straight trips downcourt for the 10th-seeded Gaels (25.9)

Yet Saint Mary's kept chipping away and got within 35-30 early in the second half. After they fell behind by 12, the Gaels went on another run, thanks to reserve Brett Collins. He scored 11 of his team's next 13 points, tying it at 47 with 6.32 left

Daniel Kickert led Saint Mary's with 16 points.

### **Bucknell: KU** gets more than scare this time

"Certainly it's the biggest win we've ever had," said coach Pat Flannery, a 1980 Bucknell grad. "Our kids battled their big kids all night long. Our kids made them work for everything they

Jayhawks (23-7) reached the second round every year since 1984 and in their last 21 tries. Although they had scares along the way, including one by Utah State in Oklahoma City two years ago, this was their first opening-round exit since being

eliminated by UCLA in 1978.
"I think everybody's kind of in a moment of shock," said coach Bill Self, in just his second season at Kansas. "These seniors have looked to this moment for a long time. To have it end so abruptly of course is devastating to those guys. I really don't have any words to try to comfort them right now."

Kansas seemed vulnerable because it had lost five of its last eight and No. 2 scorer Keith Langford was slowed by a lingering flu problem and a creaky left ankle. However, the Jayhawks weren't too concerned because four of those recent losses were to teams won first-round NCAA

Bucknell opened its scoring with a four-point play by Bettencourt and led by seven midway through the first half. Kansas closed the half with a 10-0 run to take the lead, but with Simien the only consistent threat (24 points, 10 rebounds), the Jayhawks were unable to take control. They didn't even make a field goal the last 8:44

Still, Kansas had a chance to win in the final minute, when Langford hit two free throws with 25.4 seconds left for a 63-62 lead.

Opting not to call a timeout, Bucknell went straight up the court and fed McNaughton in the lane. He threw a shot over Simien that accounted for the game's ninth and final lead change. "It came off the backboard and

rimmed in somehow - I don't even know how, but I don't care, McNaughton, 6-for-7 and scored 14 points.

Langford had another attempt. but missed short. Bucknell's John Griffin got the rebound and was fouled, but missed the front end one-and-one and Simien grabbed it with 2.4 seconds left.

After a timeout, Kansas tried the Grant Hill-to-Christian Laettner play Duke used to beat Ken-tucky in the 1992 NCAAs. Michael Lee's heave to Simien went perfectly and he spun for a good look at the basket. But his shot hit the rim and bounced away.
"It went over my right shoul-

der, which is a very comfortable move for me," Simien said. "It felt good on the release, but

I didn't hit it.

Bucknell knew it could hang with the big boys after winning at Pittsburgh when the Panthers were undefeated and ranked No. The Bison also beat NCAA team Niagara and won at St. Jo seph's



**Bucknell's Chris McNaughton** releases the game-winning hook shot over Kansas' Wayne Simien.

### **Vermont:** Fifth-seeded Spartans next as upstart Catamounts look ahead

#### VERMONT, FROM BACK PAGE

When Gerry McNamara missed a desperation three from the top of the key in the final seconds, the Cats had their first NCAA tournament victory. They swarmed together and hugged in celebration, jumping up and down as Brennan raised his right arm in a triumphant salute to the team's legion of fans shouting in the stands

"People are going to say we shocked the world, but to this group of guys, we knew we had a shot to win this game," reserve Alex Jensen said as the players doused each other with water in the jubilant locker room. "Everywas sending Syracuse to the Final Four, but we knew we could win this game if we played the way we did."

Njila finished with a career-high 20 points, Sorrentine had 17, and Taylor Coppenrath added 16 for Vermont. The Catamounts will face fifth-seeded Michigan State in the second round Sunday. The Spartans beat Old Dominion 89-81.

Fourth-seeded Syracuse (27-7 had hopes of making the Final Four for the second time in three

"It's going to keep getting bet-ter and better," Vermont center Martin Klimes said. "We did the first step. We're going to get some rest right now and prepare for the next game. It's not over.

Syracuse coach Jim Boeheim left the court with his head down, and the players followed.

"They just outplayed us," said forward Terrence Roberts, who had seven points and seven re-bounds. "They hit some clutch shots down the stretch. That's what buried us."

Brennan paced back and forth

in front of the bench, thrusting his fist in the air each time the Catamounts took the lead, and the Vermont players were told by the officials several times to stay on the bench.

Syracuse never got on track, committing a season-high 24 turn-overs. Hakim Warrick ended the final game of his impressive ca-reer with 21 points and 12 rebounds, but he also committed 10 turnovers. McNamara had 11 points but was 1-for-7 on three-pointers and the most dis-

traught of the Orange.
"Sometimes, you just don't have it," McNamara said.

Vermont played a deliberate game, slowing the pace and never allowing the Orange to make a run. McNamara struggled to find open looks and the Catamounts ominated the glass early to stay

There were 11 ties and eight lead changes











### Newman wins fifth straight pole at Atlanta

BY PAUL NEWBERRY The Associated Press

HAMPTON, Ga. - Rvan Newman extended his record for consecutive poles at Atlanta Motor Speedway, winning his fifth in a row with a dominating run Friday night

Newman, who's won every pole at Atlanta since the 2003 spring race, turned a lap at 194.690 mph on the 1.54-mile trioval.

Newman couldn't help but no-

tion when he got to the infield media center.

"I used to come in here as a rookie and everyone would be like, 'What's a rookie doing winning the pole," Newman quipped.

"Now it's like it's no big deal." Bobby Hamilton Jr. turned in the best qualifying run of his career, putting up the second-fastest speed (193.785) to earn a front-row spot alongside Newman for Sunday's Golden Corral 500

"It's a good place to start," Hamilton said. "We'll start from there and chip away at it on Sun-

Newman already had eclipsed the record for most consecutive poles at Atlanta, beating Buddy Baker's record of three in a row in 1979-80.

Newman has 29 poles in his ca reer, claiming the top spot at all but nine of the 22 Nextel Cup ven-

cess on race day, winning 11

Rookie Kyle Busch didn't even make it around for his qualifying attempt on a night when temperatures dipped into the upper 40s. He lost control in Turn 3 as he was bringing his car up to speed. slamming backward into the out-

Busch was able to walk away, but he'll start 42nd in the 43-car field on Sunday.

times

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5. (9) Kasey Kahne, Dodge, 191.894.
6. (16) Greg Biffle, Ford, 191.252.
7. (01) Joe Nemechek, Chevrolet, 191.192.
8. (25) Brian Vickers, Chevrolet, 191.192.
9. (20) Tony Stewart, Chevrolet, 9. (20) (11) Jason Leffler, Chevrolet. 190.935. 11. (38) Elliott Sadler, Ford, 190.883. 12. (6) Mark Martin, Ford, 190.791. 13. (42) Jamie McMurray, Dodge, 190.699. 14. (19) Jeremy Mayfield, Dodge, 190.614.

Golden Corral 500 lineup NASCAR Nextel Cup
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At Atlanta Motor Speedway
Hampton, Ga.
Lap length: 1.54 miles
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44. (34) Randy LaJole, Chevrolet,

### CS-Fullerton too much for Frisco in NIT

The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO - Bobby Brown had 25 points and seven rebounds to help Cal State-Fullerton beat San Francisco 85-69 on Friday night in the first round of the NIT.

After shooting only 33.3 per-cent from the floor in the first half, the Titans (21-10) hit 12 of their first 14 attempts in the second and scored 57 points in the final 20 minutes to set up a second-round game at Georgetown.

Ralphy Holmes added 19 points and 13 rebounds for the Titans, who won for the 13th time in 16 games.

John Cox scored 17 points to finish eighth on San Francisco's career scoring list with 1,540 points. Cox, who scored 27 in the Dons' opening-round victory over Denver on Wednesday night, missed nine of his first 10 shots and finished 6-for-22.

San Francisco (17-14) made only 35.1 percent of its shots from the floor and was outrebounded 25-12 in the second half.

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### **SPORTS**



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### **Bracket busters**

### Vermont pulls off OT win vs. Syracuse

BY JOHN KEKIS
The Associated Press

WORCESTER, Mass. — Tom Brennan would have retired a happy man regardless. But his 264th victory at Vermont made his impending departure a whole lot sweeter.

The widdy popular coach cried openly Friday night after his 15th-seeded Catamounts earned their biggest victory in school history. Germain Mopa Njila and T.J. Sorrentine hit consecution span of overtime, and Vermont upset Big East champion Syracuse 60-57 in the first round of the NCAA tournament.

"When that went in, I thought I might burst," Breman said of Sorrentine's long three from the top of the key. "I thought you might find me in pieces around the arena because there's no drug, nothing in the world that is that earna bacesuse there's no thing that can make you feel like that except competition and going through a lot with your guys, especially ones you love."

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Vermont players celebrate after their 60-57 overtime victory over Syracuse in the first round of the NCAA tournament Friday night in Worcester, Mass. It was Vermont's first victory in the tournament in three tries.



12-time All-Star Alomar announces retirement

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### Bucknell beats Kansas when Simien misses

BY JAIME ARON The Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — The Kanass Jayhawks flirted with first-round elimination several times in the last 15 NCAA tournaments, but always avoided it. They weren't able to Friday night against a No. 14 seed with zero NCAA tournament victories in its 110-year history, five scholarship players and a borrowed band.

That would be the Bucknell Bison, who beat the third-seeded Jayhawks 64-63 and shook up the Syracuse Regional when Christ McNaughtno banked in a hook shot over Wayne Simien with 10.5 seconds left, and Simien missed an open 15-foot jumper at the buzzer.

"Unbelievable," said guard

Kevin Bettencourt, who led Bucknell with 19 points, including five three-pointers.

As crushing as the loss is for preseason No. 1 Kansas, it's even more stumning for the winners. They've been playing since 1896, the first season of Division I play, and were 0-for-2 in the NCAA, losing their previous tries by 22 and 23 points in the late 1980.

No team from their conference, the Patriot League, had ever won an NCAA tournament game in 13

Bucknell (23-9) is the first No. 14 seed to win since Weber State beat North Carolina in 1999. The Bison will try doing it again Sunday against sixth-seeded Wisconsin (23-8), which beat Northern Iowa 57-52 earlier Friday.

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Bucknell's Donald Brown celebrates the Bison's 64-63 victory over Kansas in the first round of the NCAA tournament in Oklahoma City on Friday. Bucknell became the first Patriot League team to win in the tournament.



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Atlantic-leading Celtics win sixth straight

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